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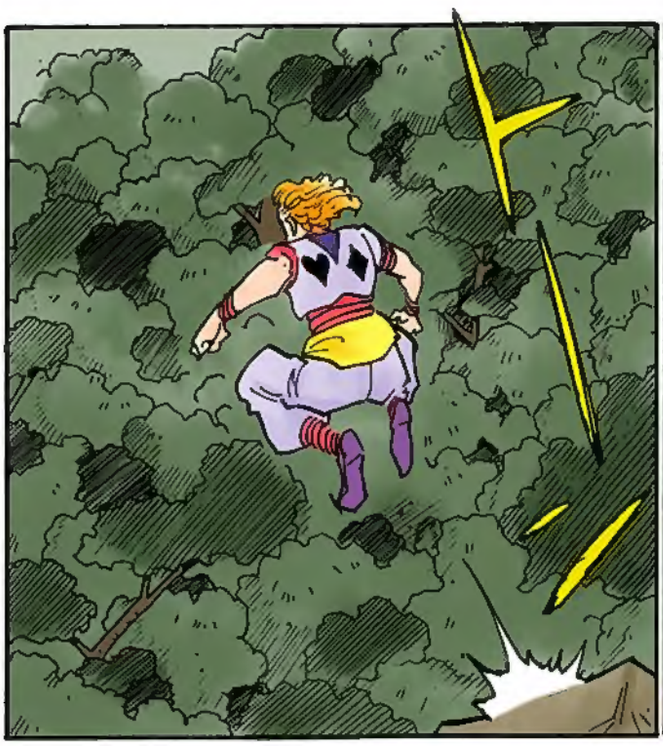

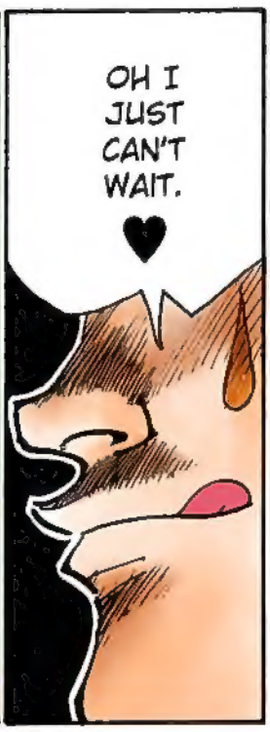

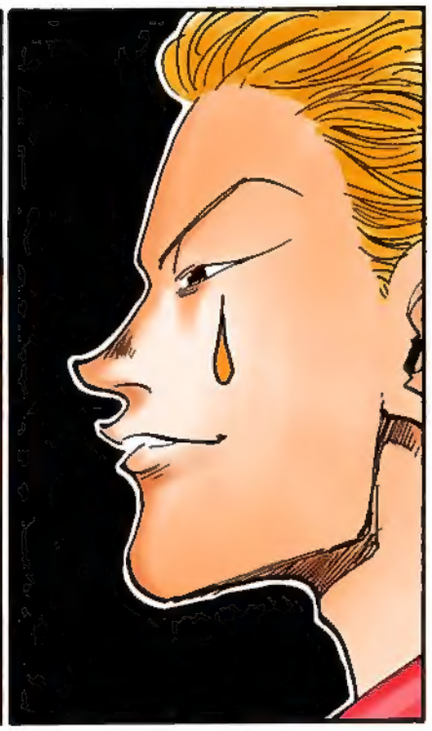

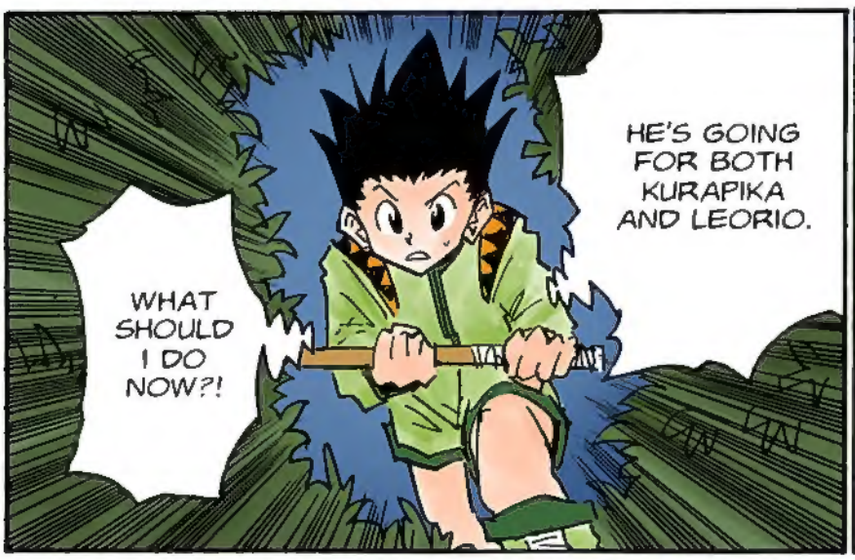

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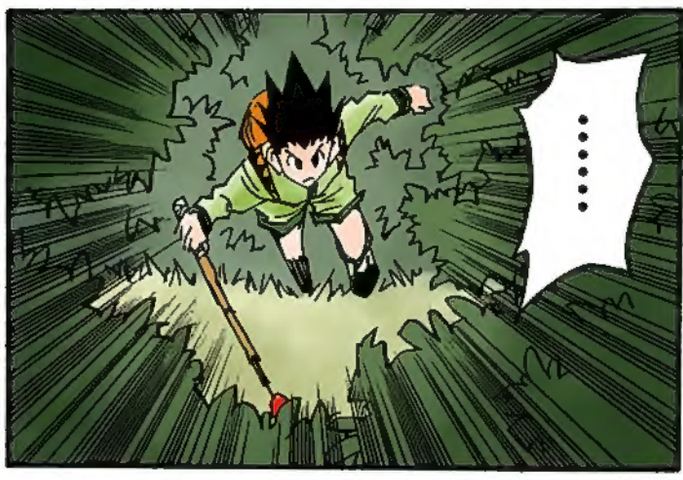
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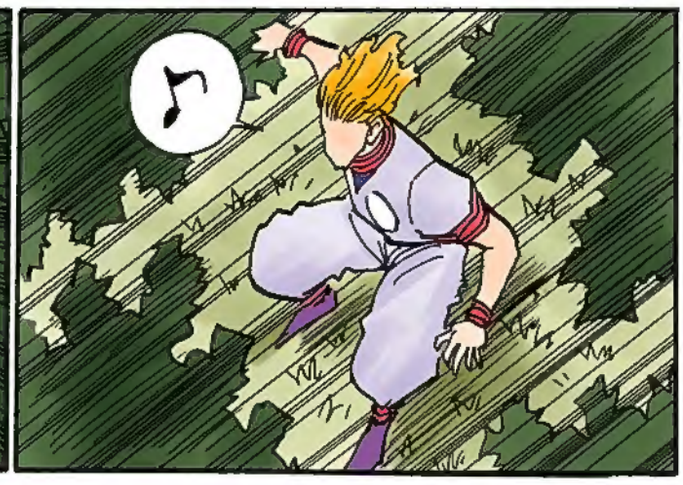
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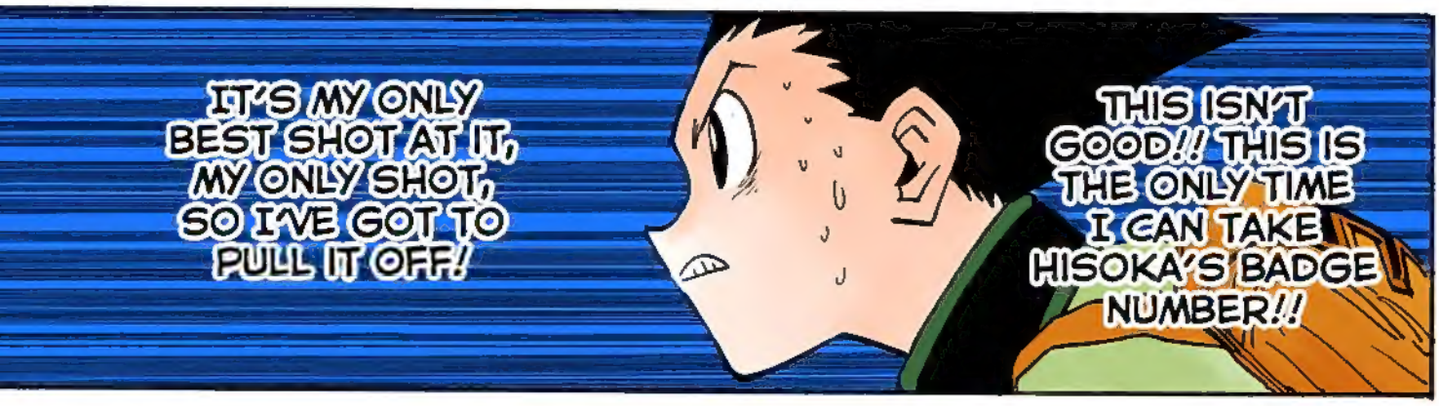
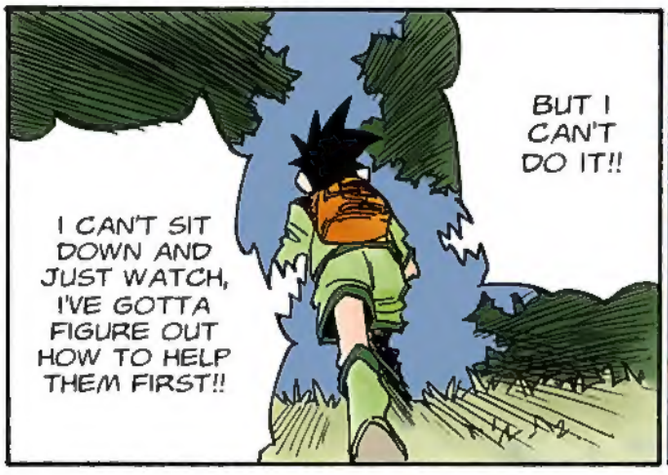

IT'S MY ONLY BEST SHOT AT IT, MY ONLY SHOT, SO I'VE GOT TO PULL IT OFF!
THIS ISN'T GOOD!! THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I CAN TAKE HISOKA'S BADGE NUMBER!!


I CAN'T SIT DOWN AND JUST WATCH, I'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP THEM FIRST!!
BUT I CAN'T DO IT!!

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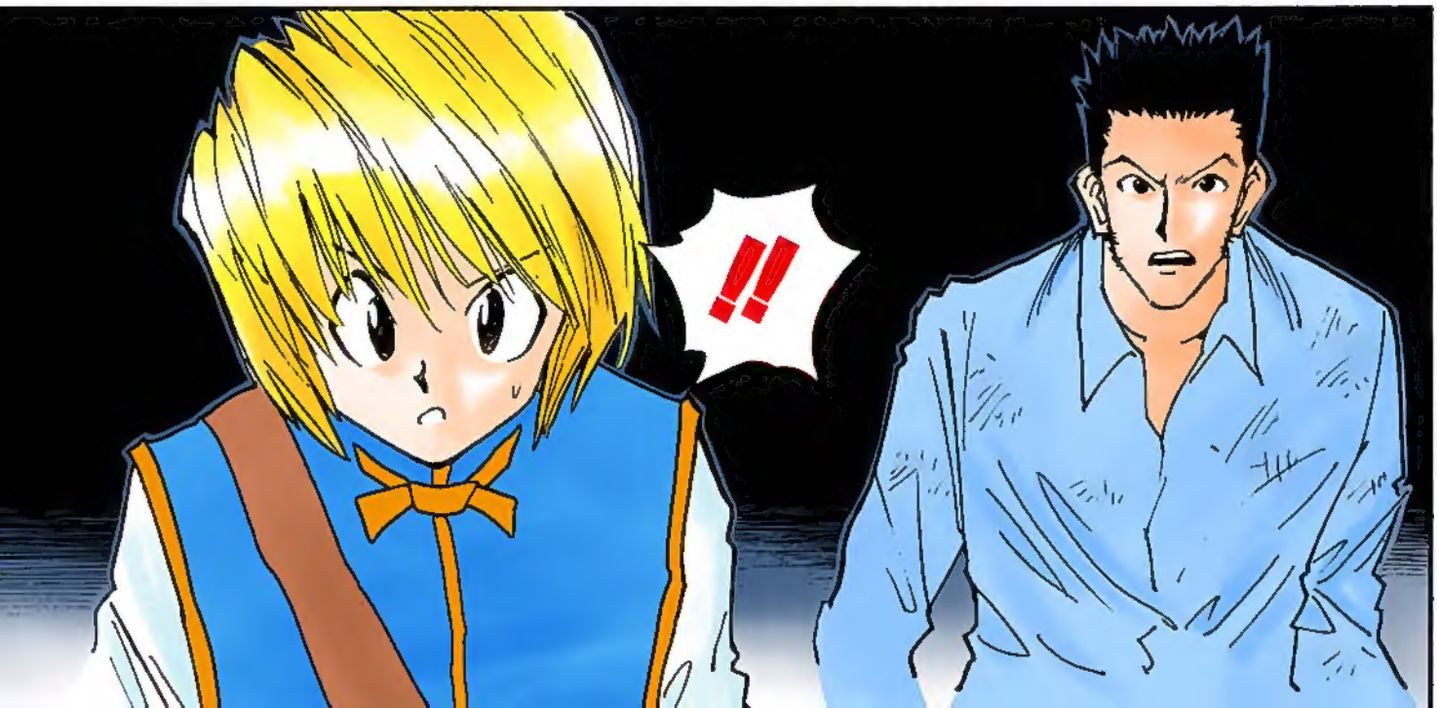
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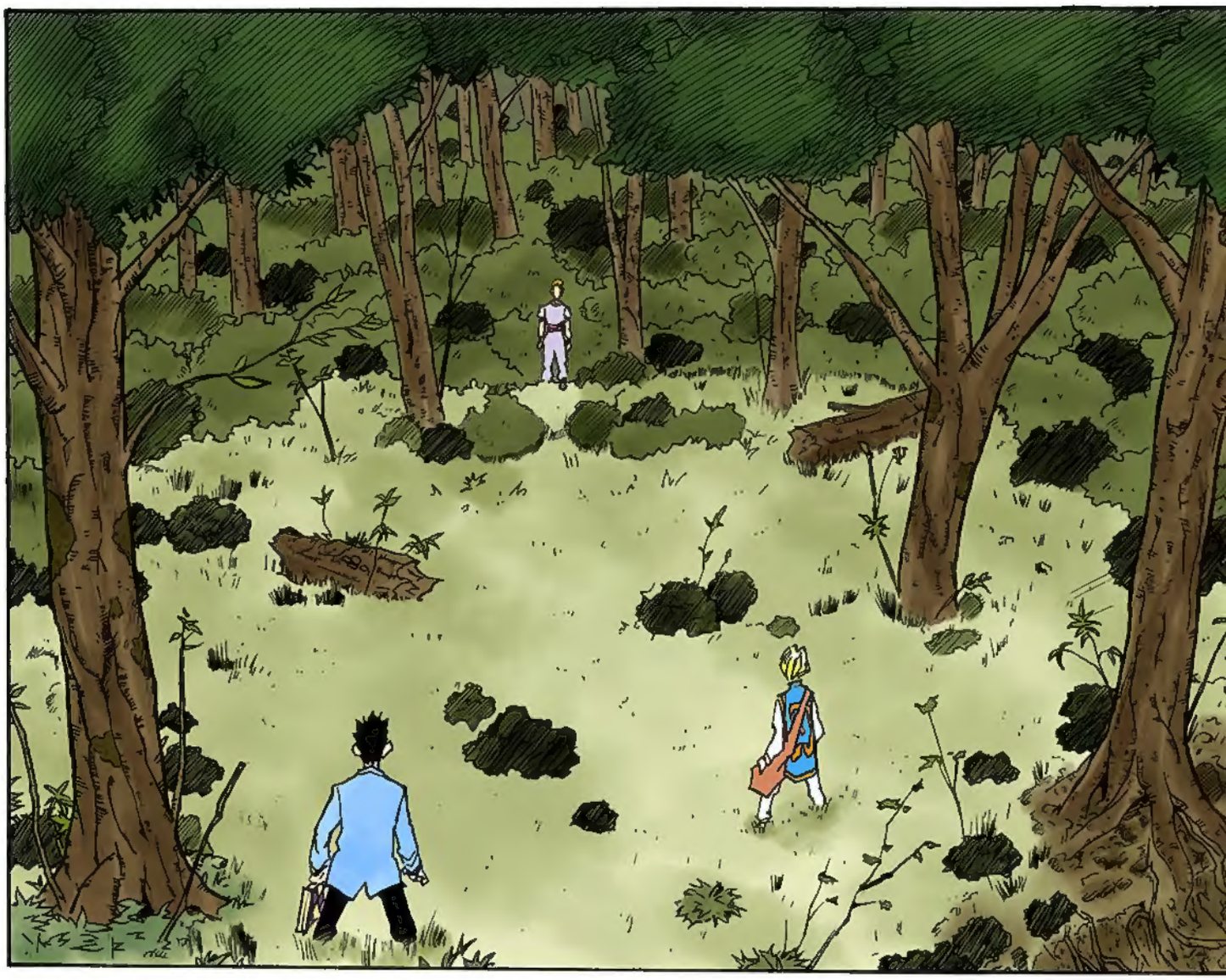

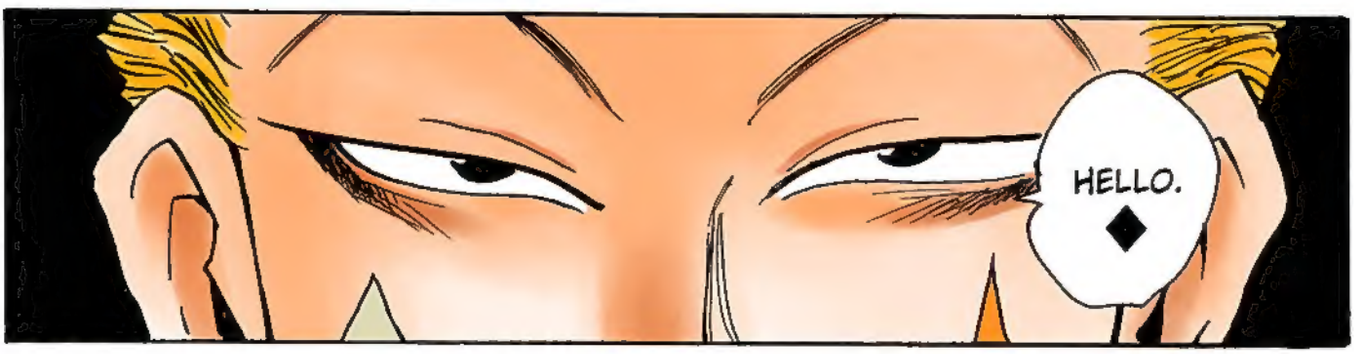
HELLO.
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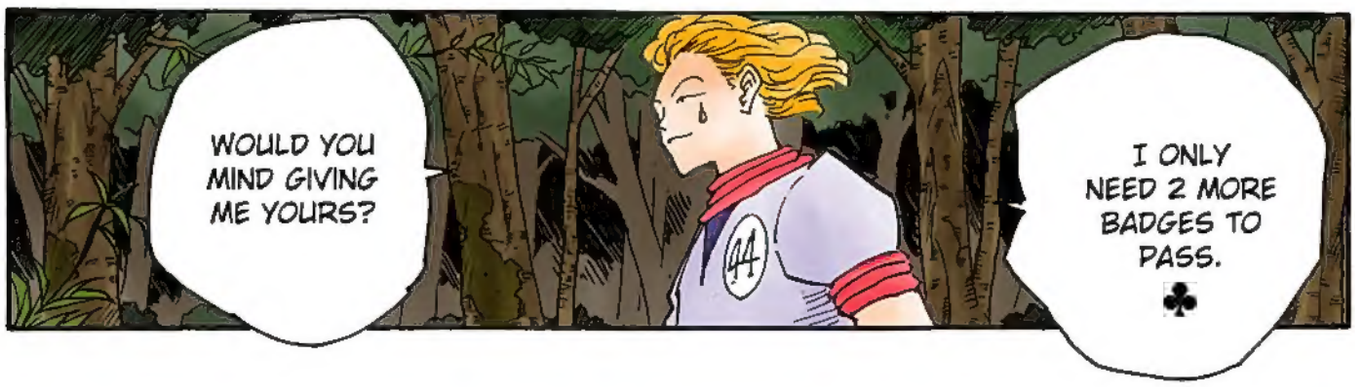
HISOKA!!


WOULD YOU MIND GIVING ME YOURS?
I ONLY NEED 2 MORE BADGES TO PASS.
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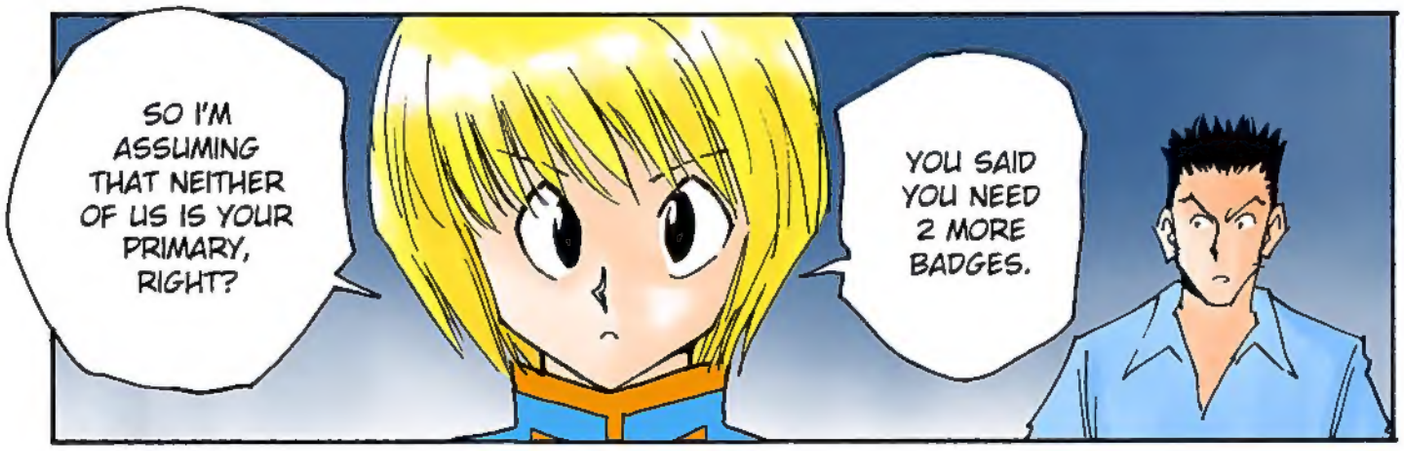
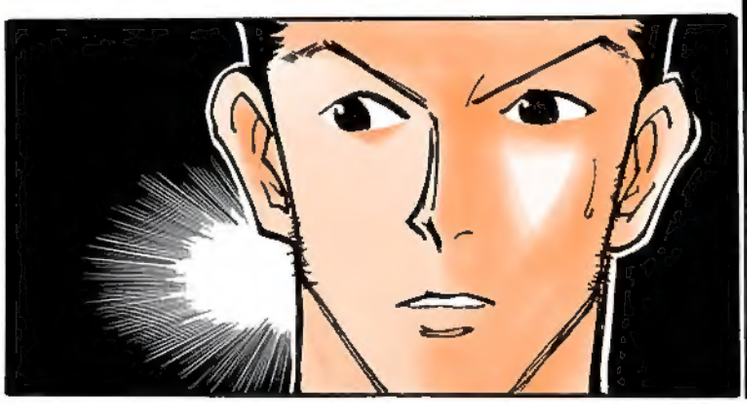
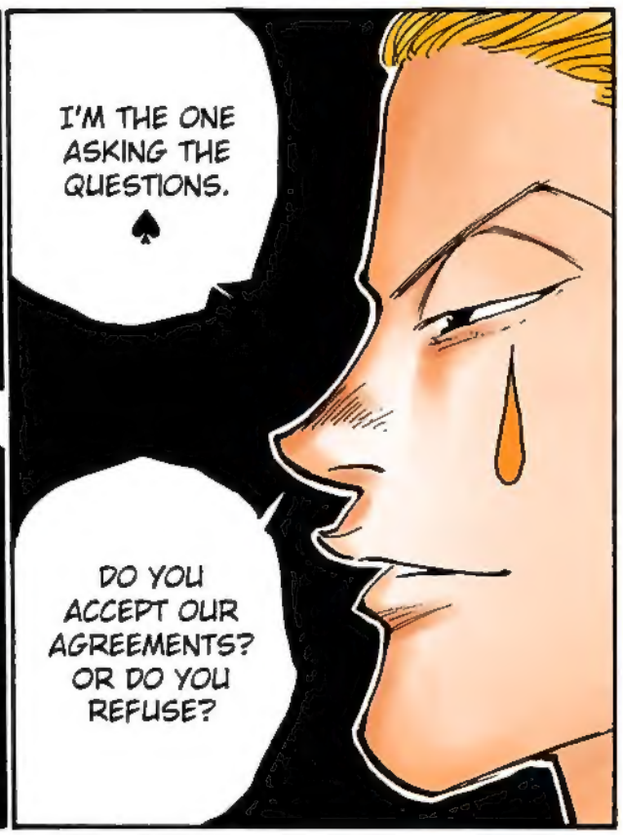
LEORIO!
YOU MUST BE REAL STUPID TO THINK WE DO THAT...

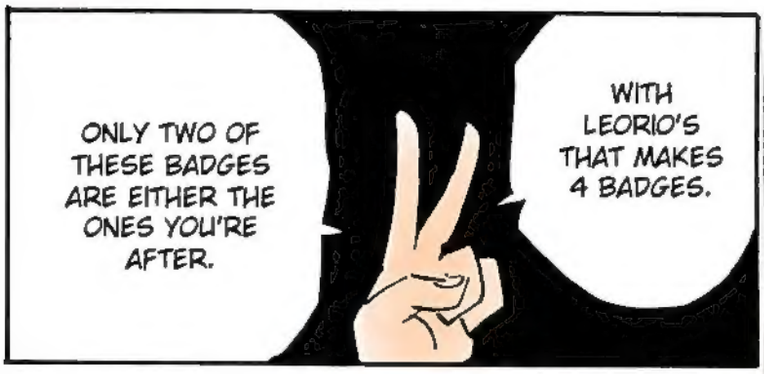
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

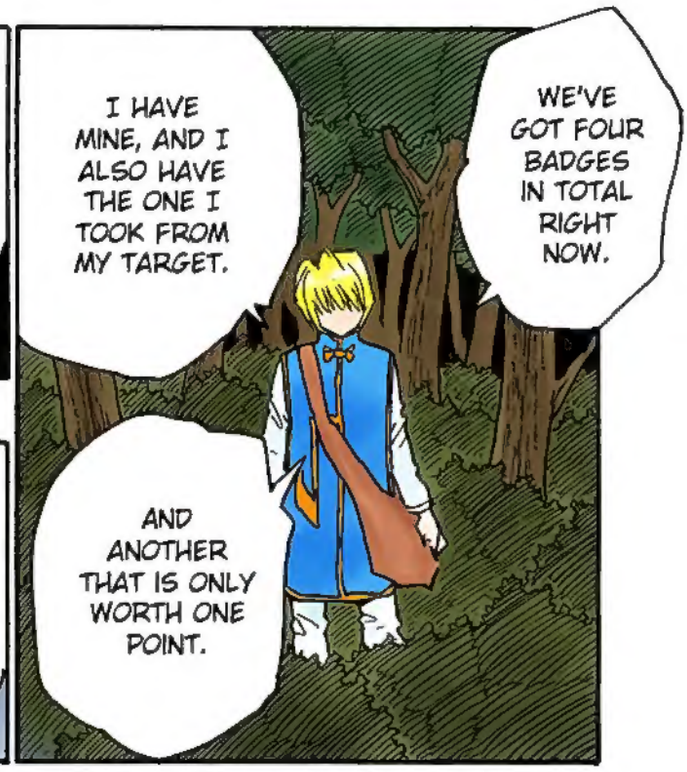

SO I'M ASSUMING THAT NEITHER OF US IS YOUR PRIMARY, RIGHT?
YOU SAID YOU NEED 2 MORE BADGES.

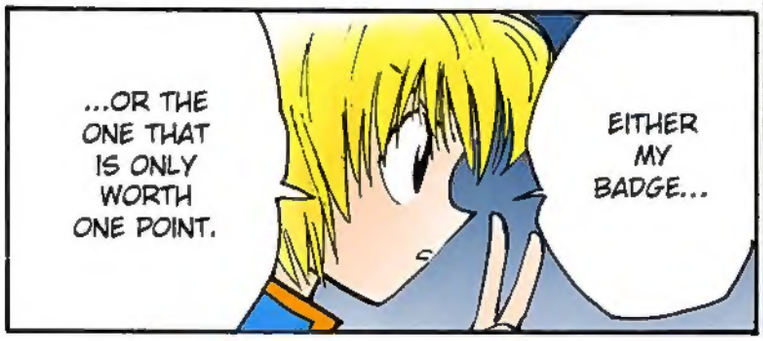
DEPENDING ON THE CONDITIONS.




I'M THE ONE ASKING THE QUESTIONS. ♠
DO YOU ACCEPT OUR AGREEMENTS? OR DO YOU REFUSE?


ONLY TWO OF THESE BADGES ARE EITHER THE ONES YOU'RE AFTER.
WITH LEORIO'S THAT MAKES 4 BADGES.


I HAVE MINE, AND I ALSO HAVE THE ONE I TOOK FROM MY TARGET.
WE'VE GOT FOUR BADGES IN TOTAL RIGHT NOW.
AND ANOTHER THAT IS ONLY WORTH ONE POINT.


...OR THE ONE THAT IS ONLY WORTH ONE POINT.
EITHER MY BADGE...

SINCE WE EACH ONLY HAVE ONE TARGET...
FOR EXAMINEE NUMBER 16, HE WAS MY TARGET.
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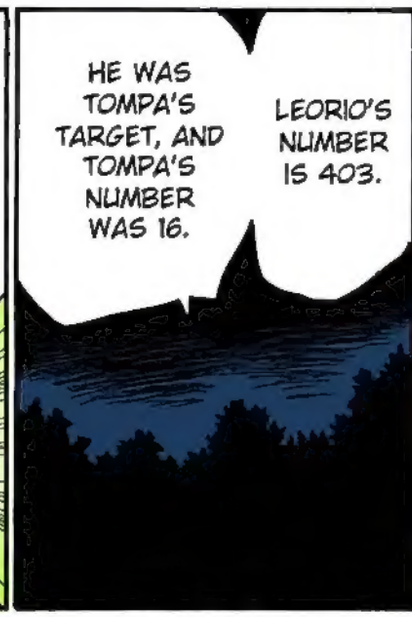
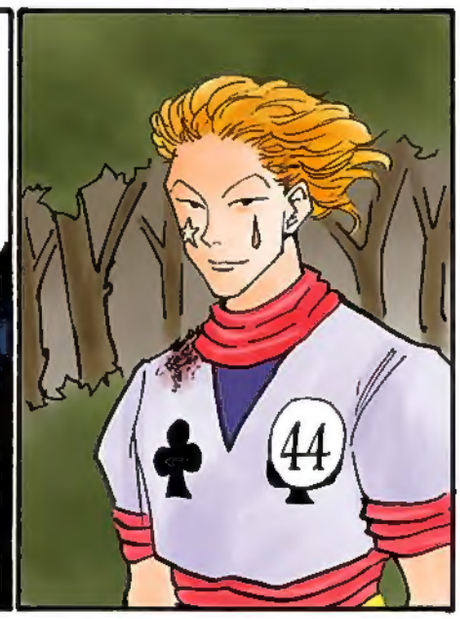

HE WAS TOMPA'S TARGET, AND TOMPA'S NUMBER WAS 16.
LEORIO'S NUMBER IS 403.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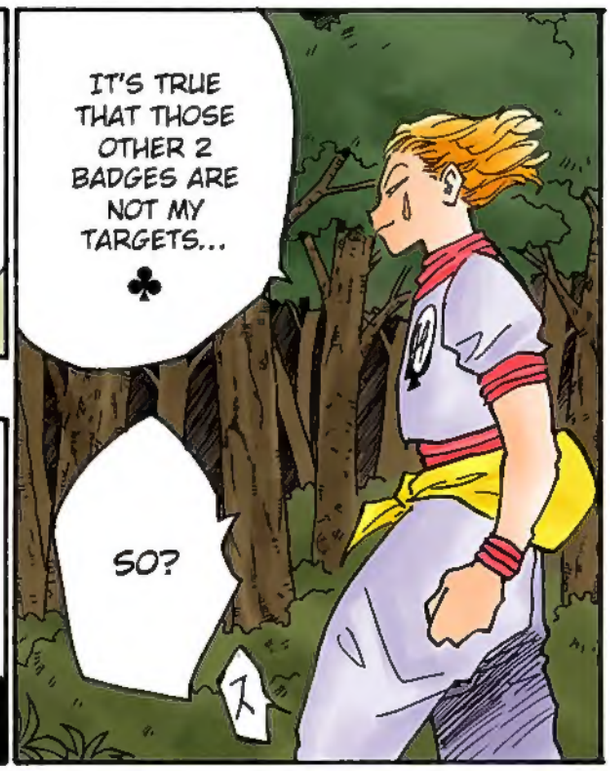
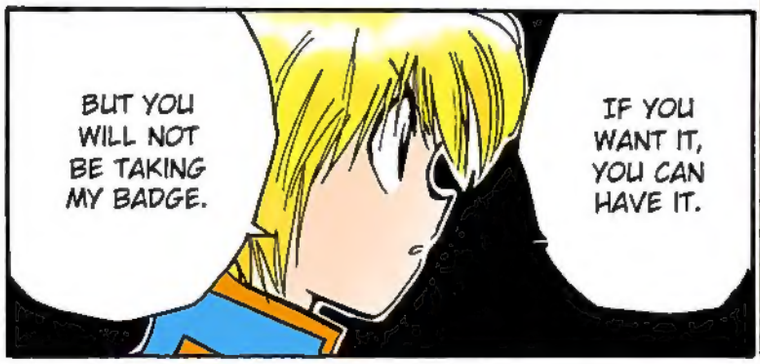
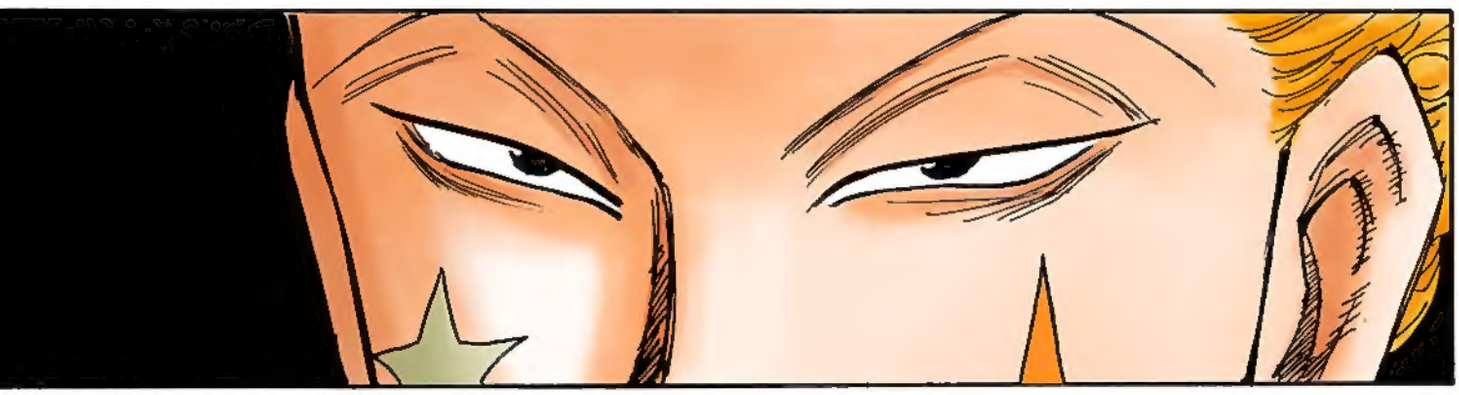
AS FOR THE ONE POINT BADGE, THAT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU AT ALL.
THE ISSUE IS THE OTHER 2 BADGES IN QUESTION.

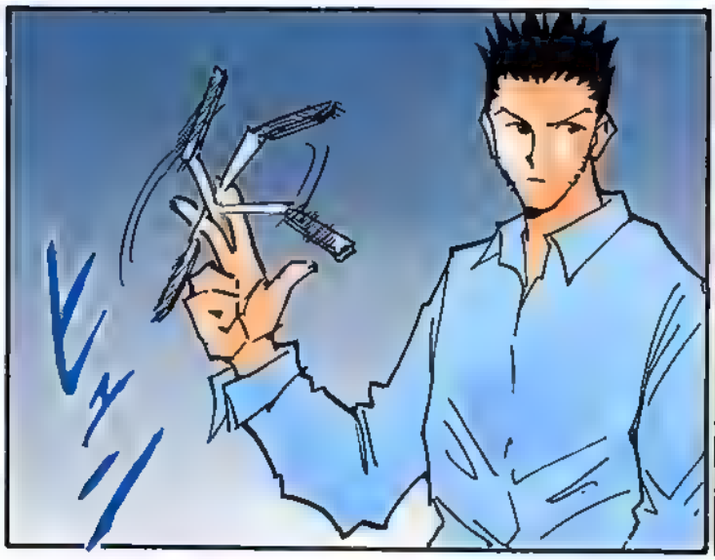

IT'S TRUE THAT THOSE OTHER 2 BADGES ARE NOT MY TARGETS...
SO?


BUT YOU WILL NOT BE TAKING MY BADGE.
IF YOU WANT IT, YOU CAN HAVE IT.



YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ME FOR IT.

AND I WILL NOT BE GIVING YOU THE OTHER 2, EITHER.
IF YOU WANT TO GET THEM BY FORCE...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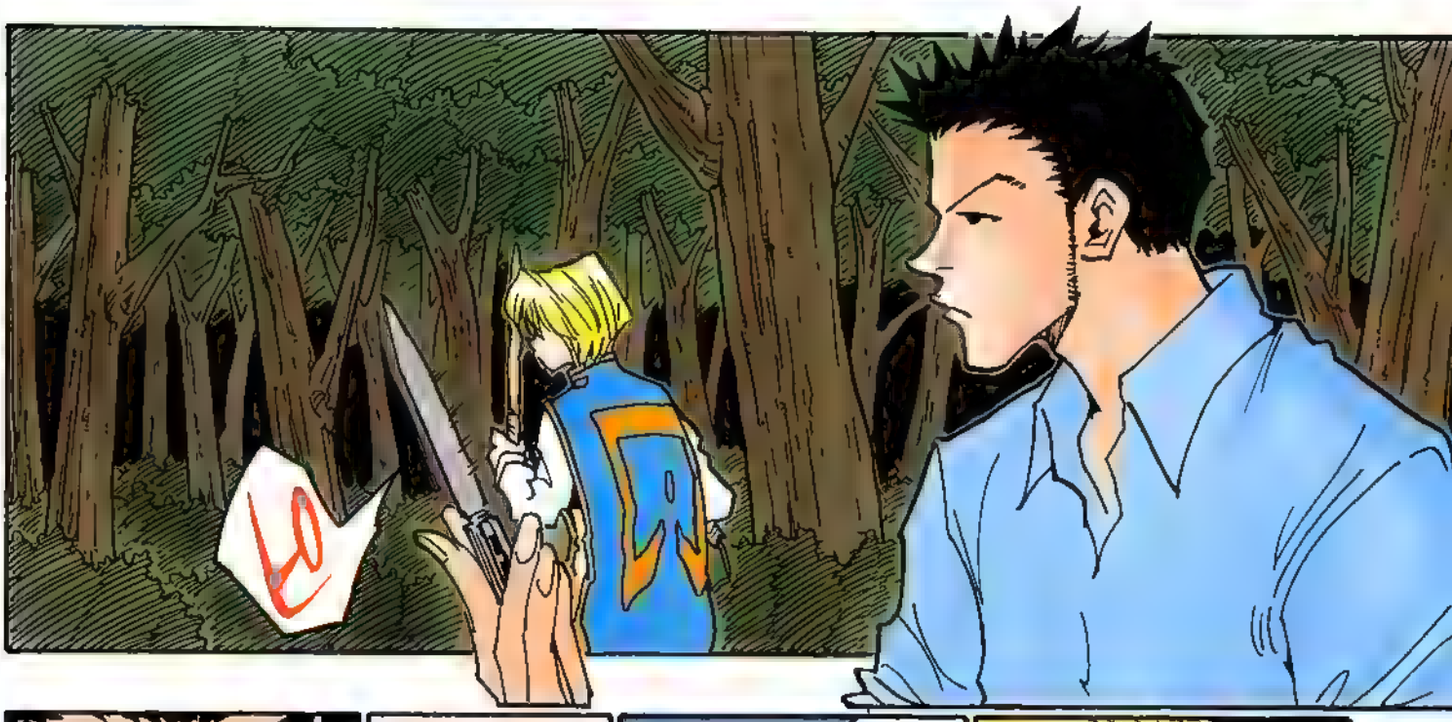

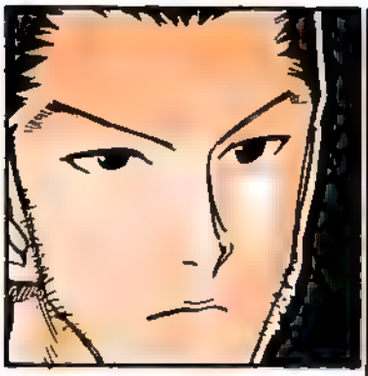

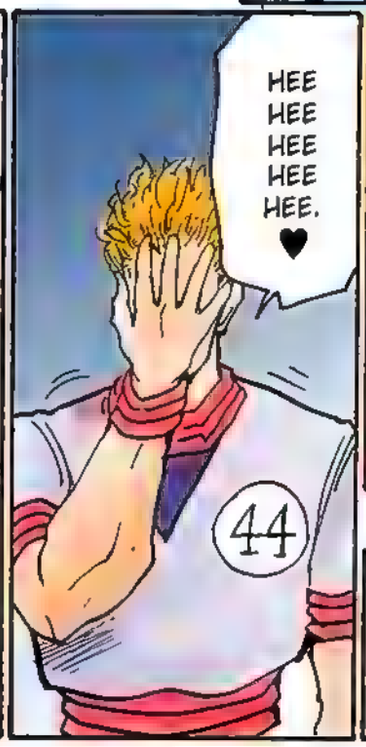
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE. ♥
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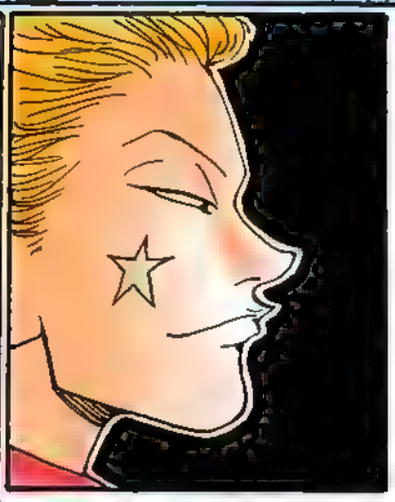
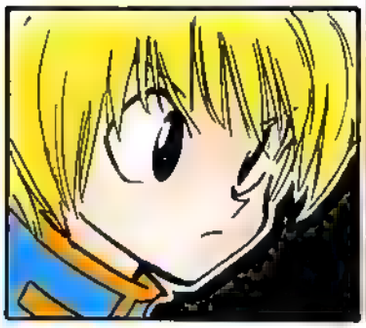
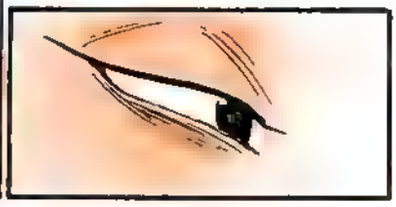
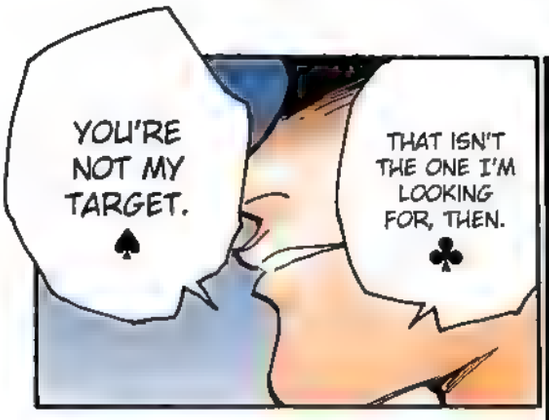
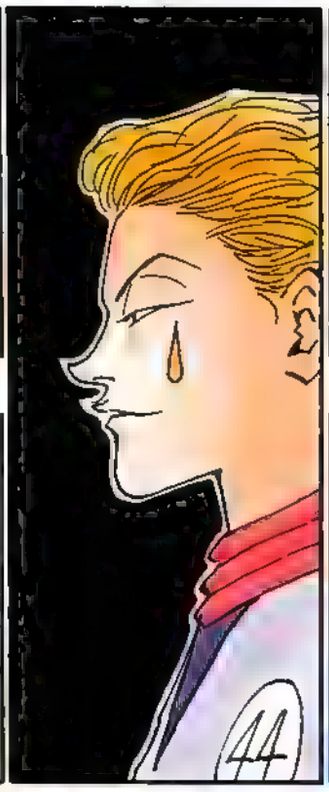
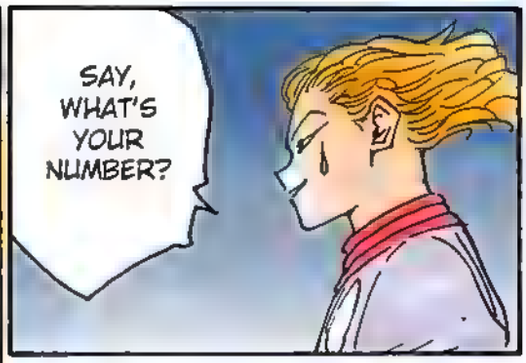


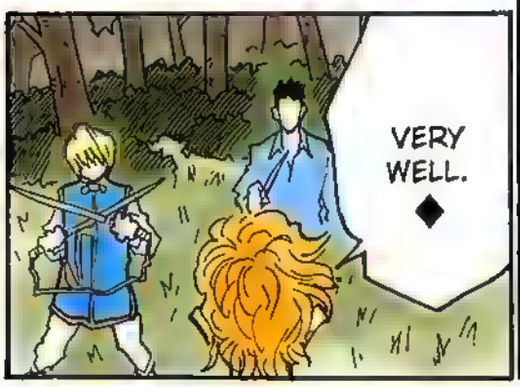


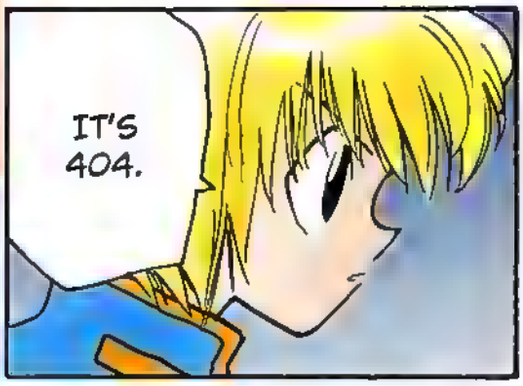



YOU'RE NOT MY TARGET. ♠
THAT ISN'T THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR, THEN. ♣




SAY, WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?


VERY WELL. ◆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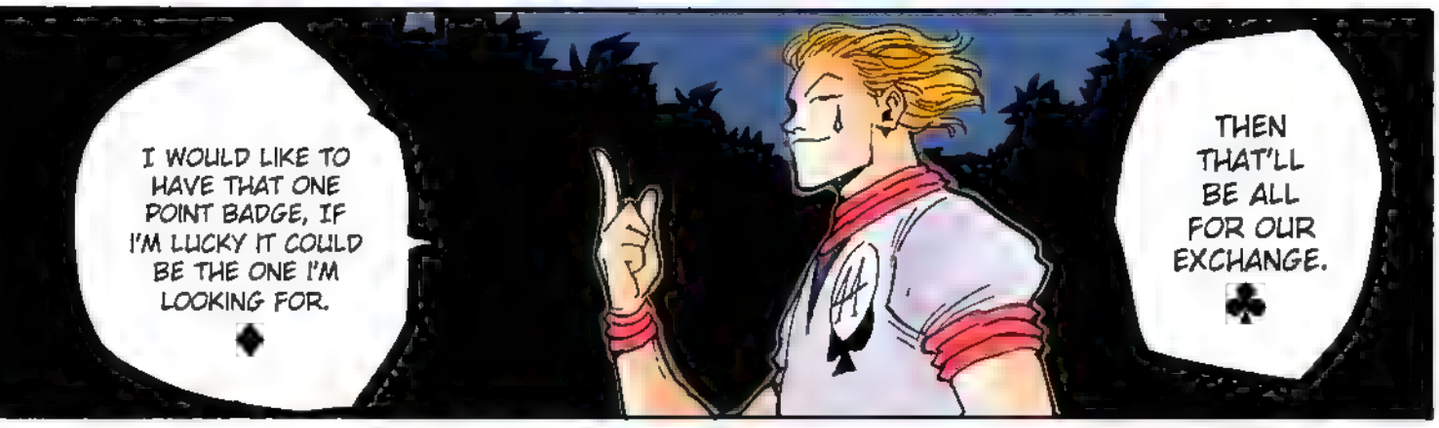
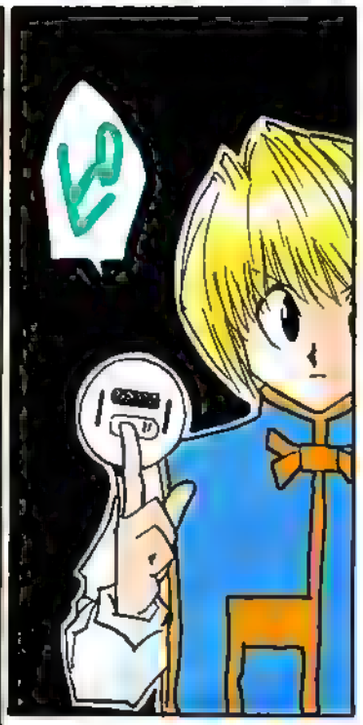
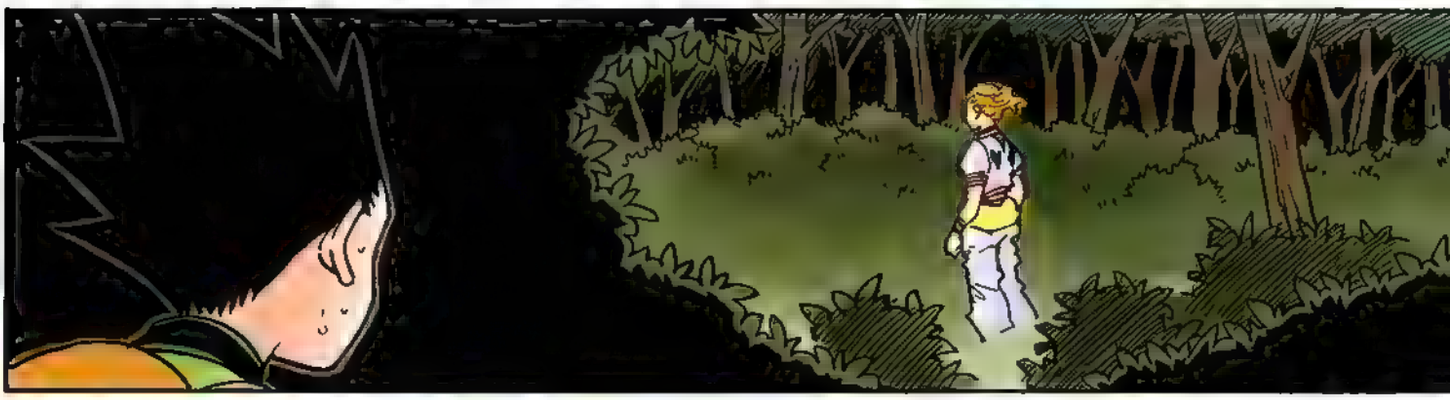
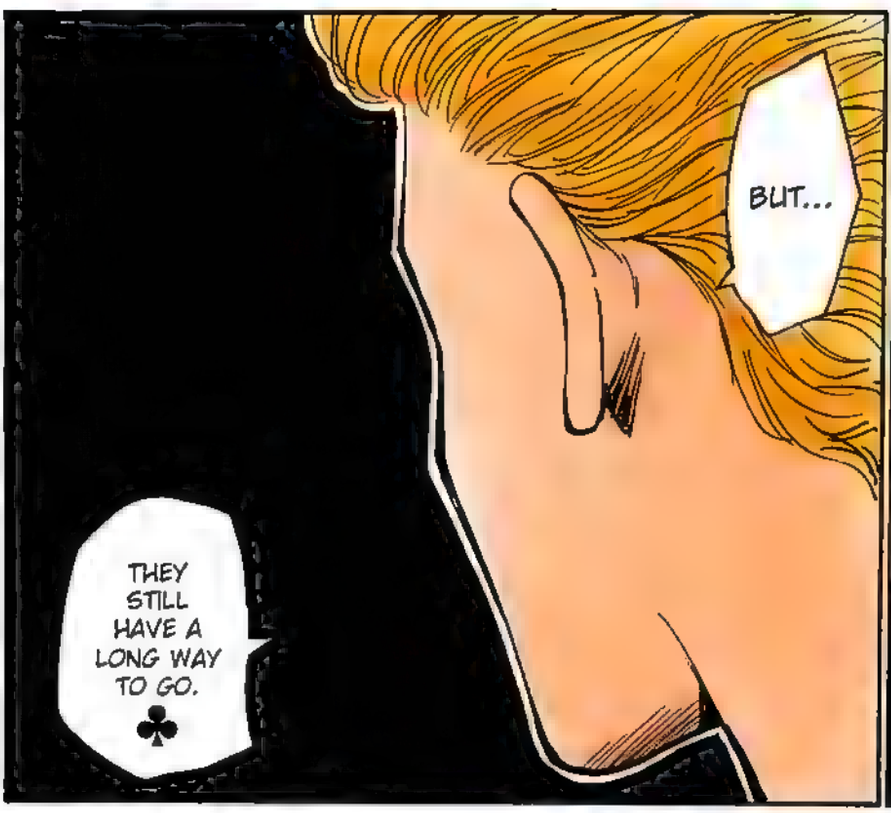

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT ONE POINT BADGE, IF I'M LUCKY IT COULD BE THE ONE I'M LOOKING FOR. ◆
THEN THAT'LL BE ALL FOR OUR EXCHANGE. ♣

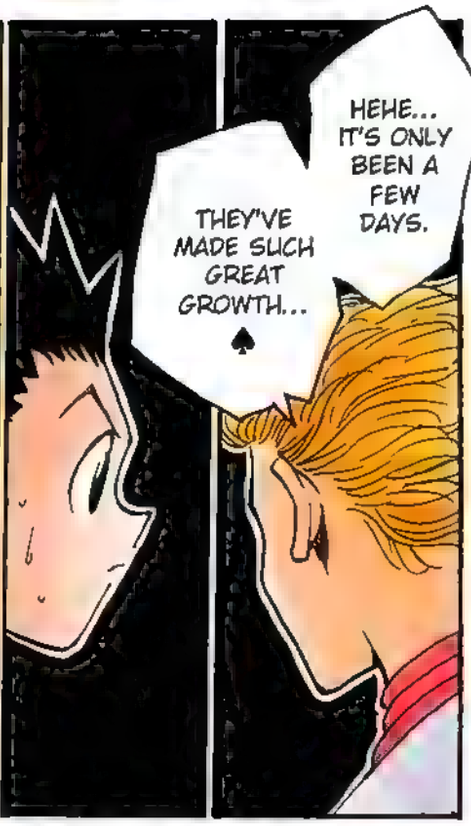
I'LL LEAVE IT HERE.

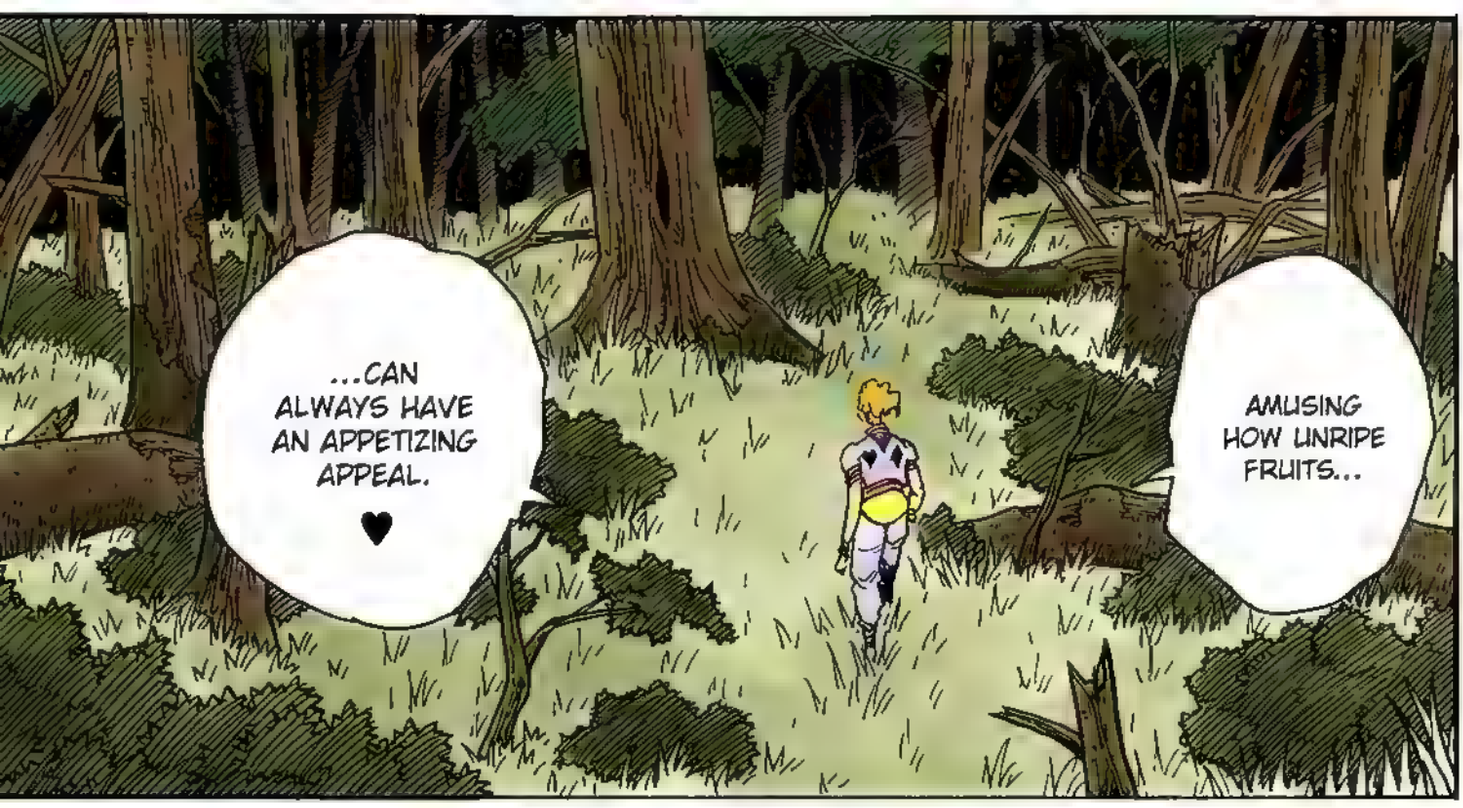


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. ♥
YOU CAN GO, I'LL REMAIN RIGHT HERE. ♦




BUT...
THEY STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. ♣


HEHE... IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW DAYS.
THEY'VE MADE SUCH GREAT GROWTH... ♠


...CAN ALWAYS HAVE AN APPETIZING APPEAL. ♥
AMUSING HOW UNRIPE FRUITS...

MHH... THAT'S TOO BAD. ♥
GUESS I'M NOT SO LUCKY. ♦
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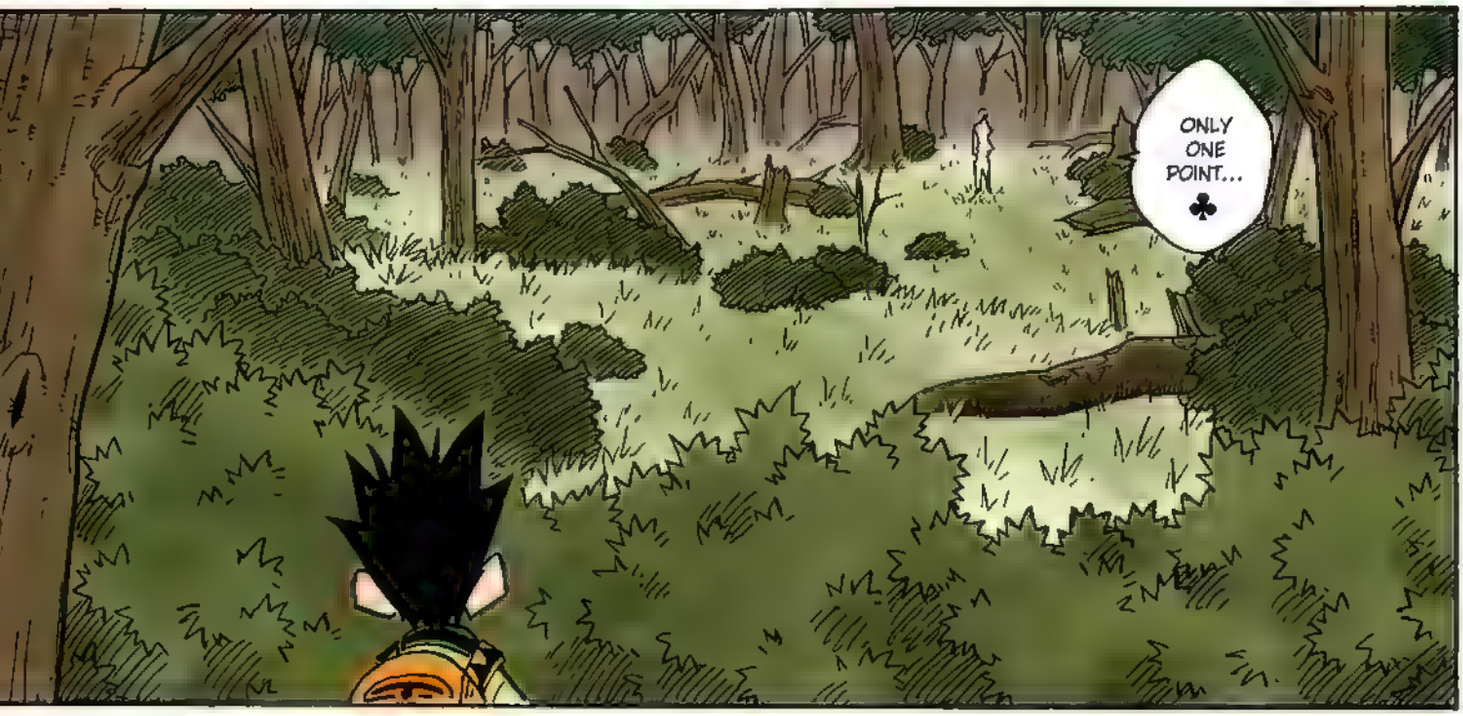
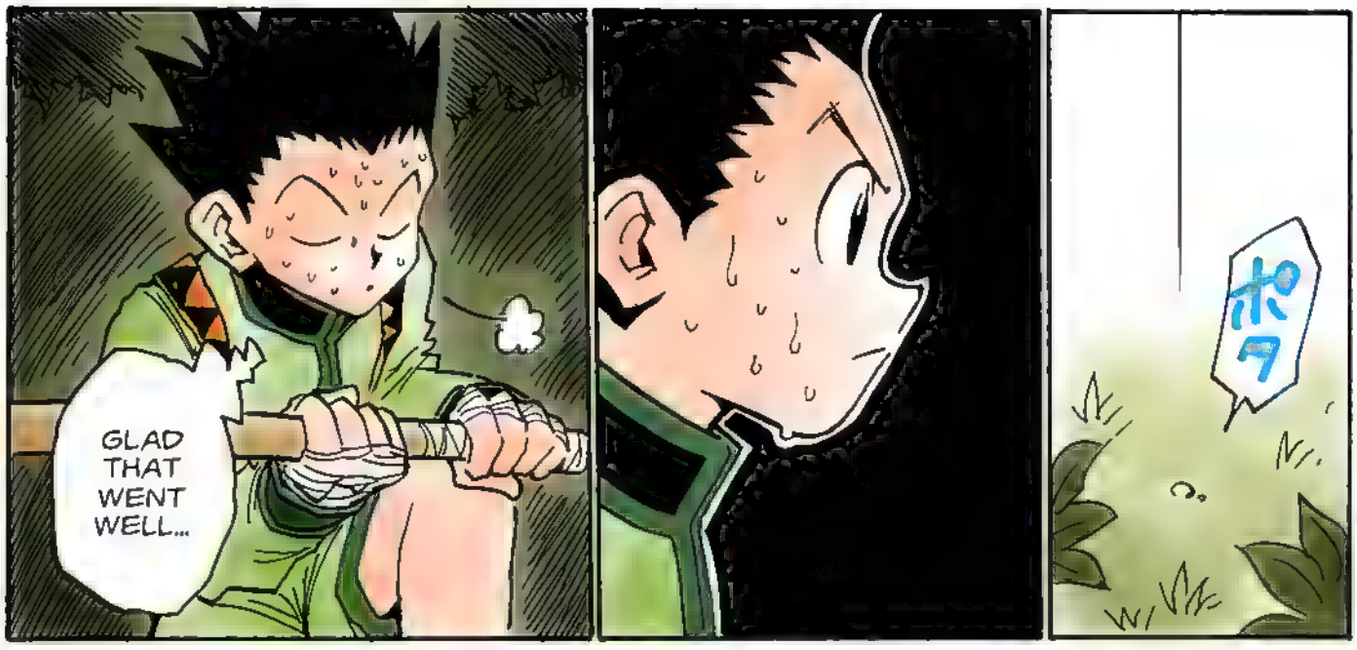

ONLY ONE POINT... ♣


GLAD THAT WENT WELL...
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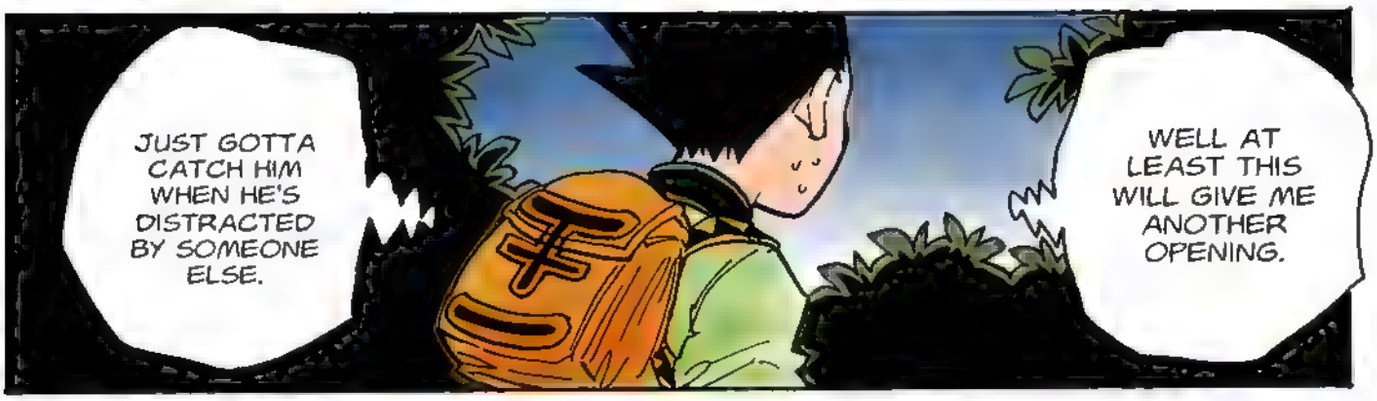
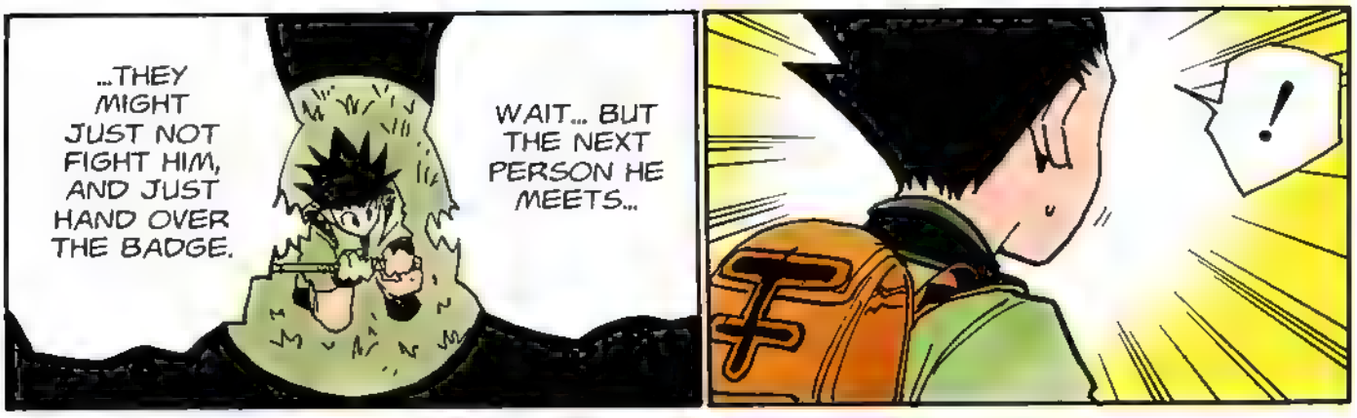

JUST GOTTA CATCH HIM WHEN HE'S DISTRACTED BY SOMEONE ELSE.
WELL AT LEAST THIS WILL GIVE ME ANOTHER OPENING.


...THEY MIGHT JUST NOT FIGHT HIM, AND JUST HAND OVER THE BADGE.
WAIT... BUT THE NEXT PERSON HE MEETS...
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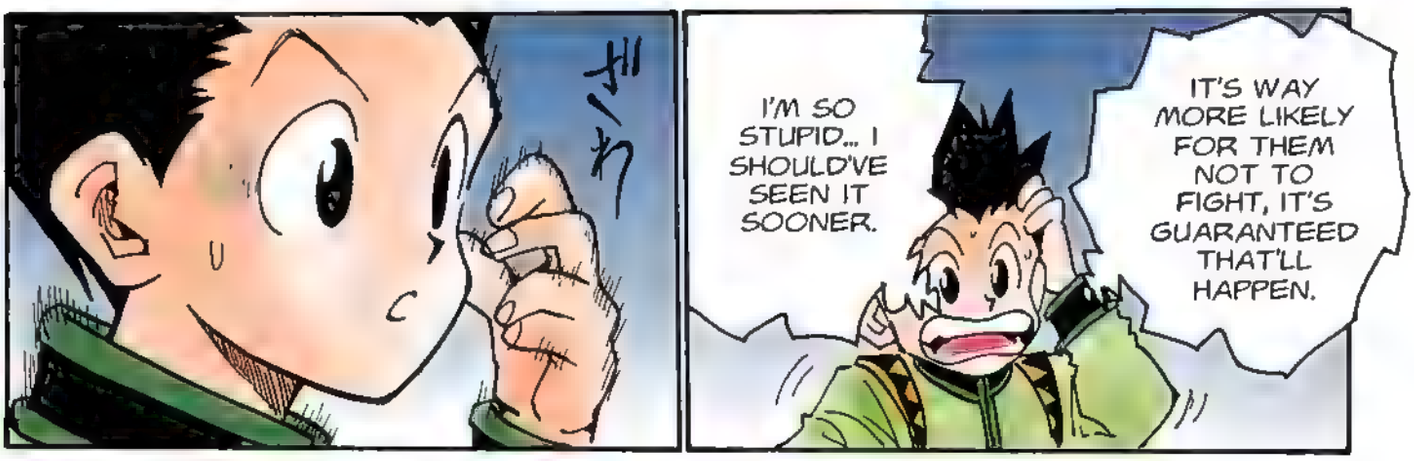
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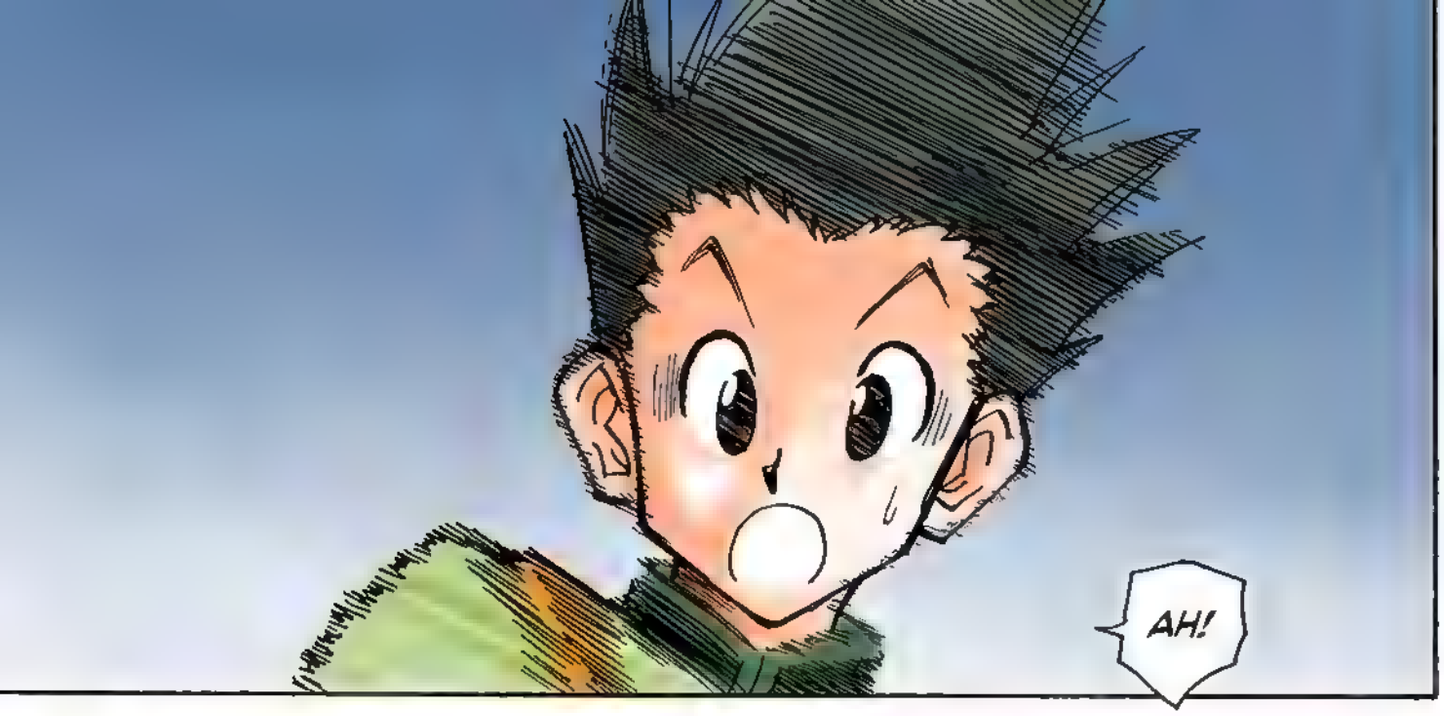
I'M SO STUPID... I SHOULD'VE SEEN IT SOONER.
IT'S WAY MORE LIKELY FOR THEM NOT TO FIGHT, IT'S GUARANTEED THAT'LL HAPPEN.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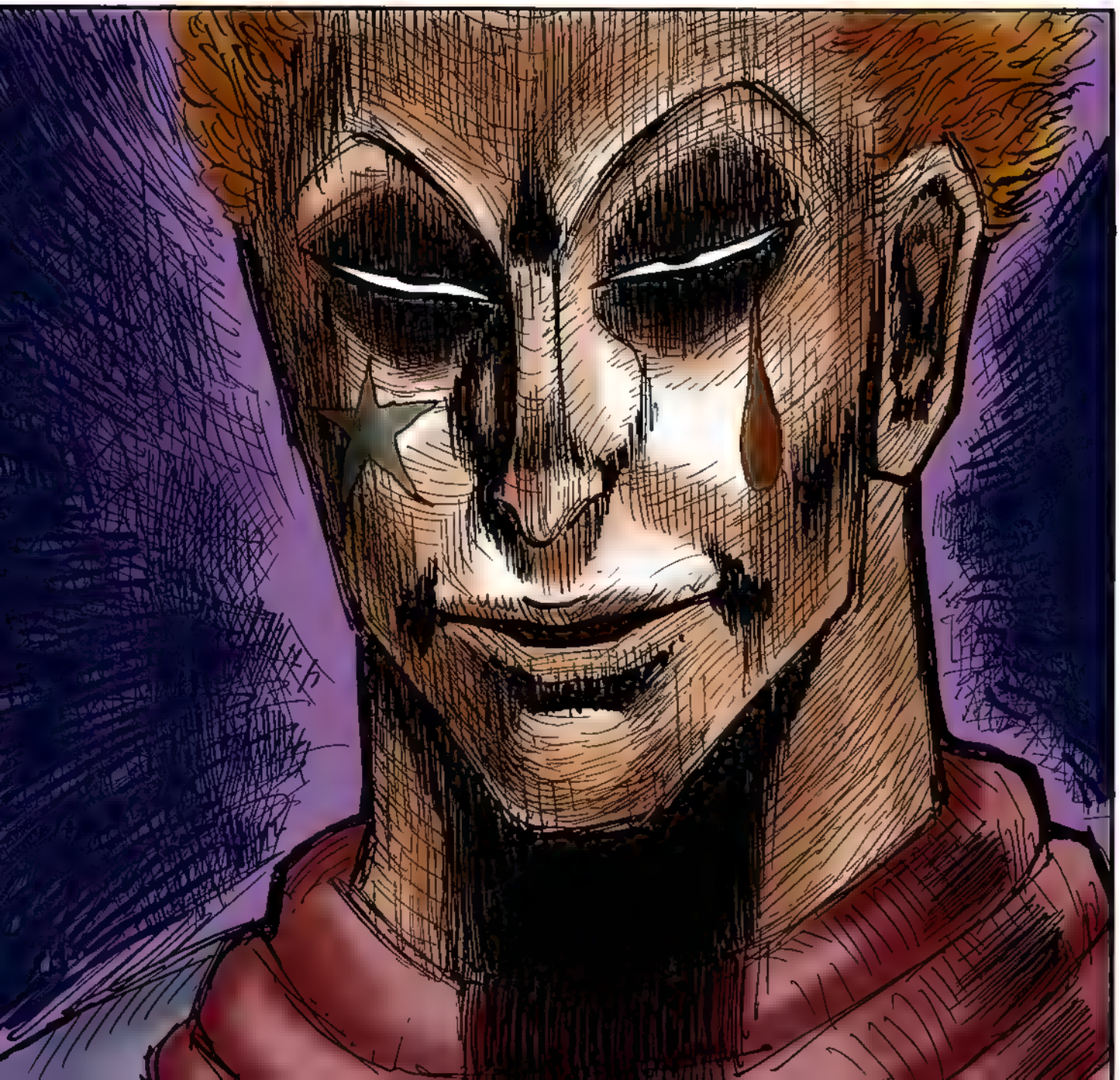

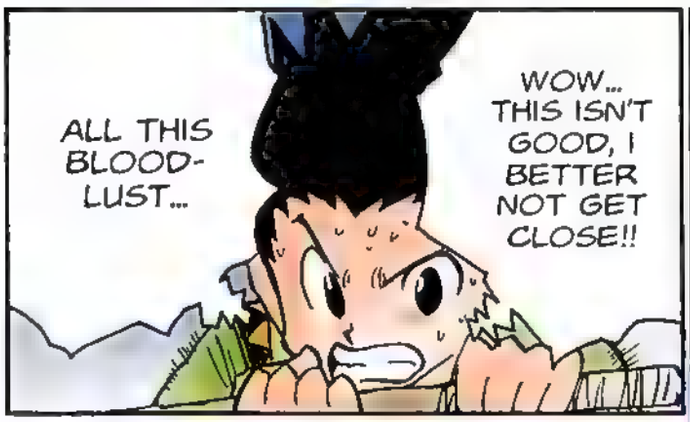
ALL THIS BLOOD-LUST...
WOW... THIS ISN'T GOOD, I BETTER NOT GET CLOSE!!

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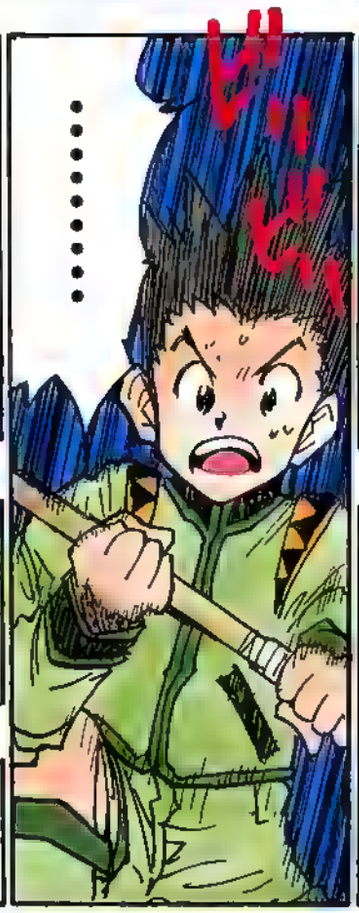
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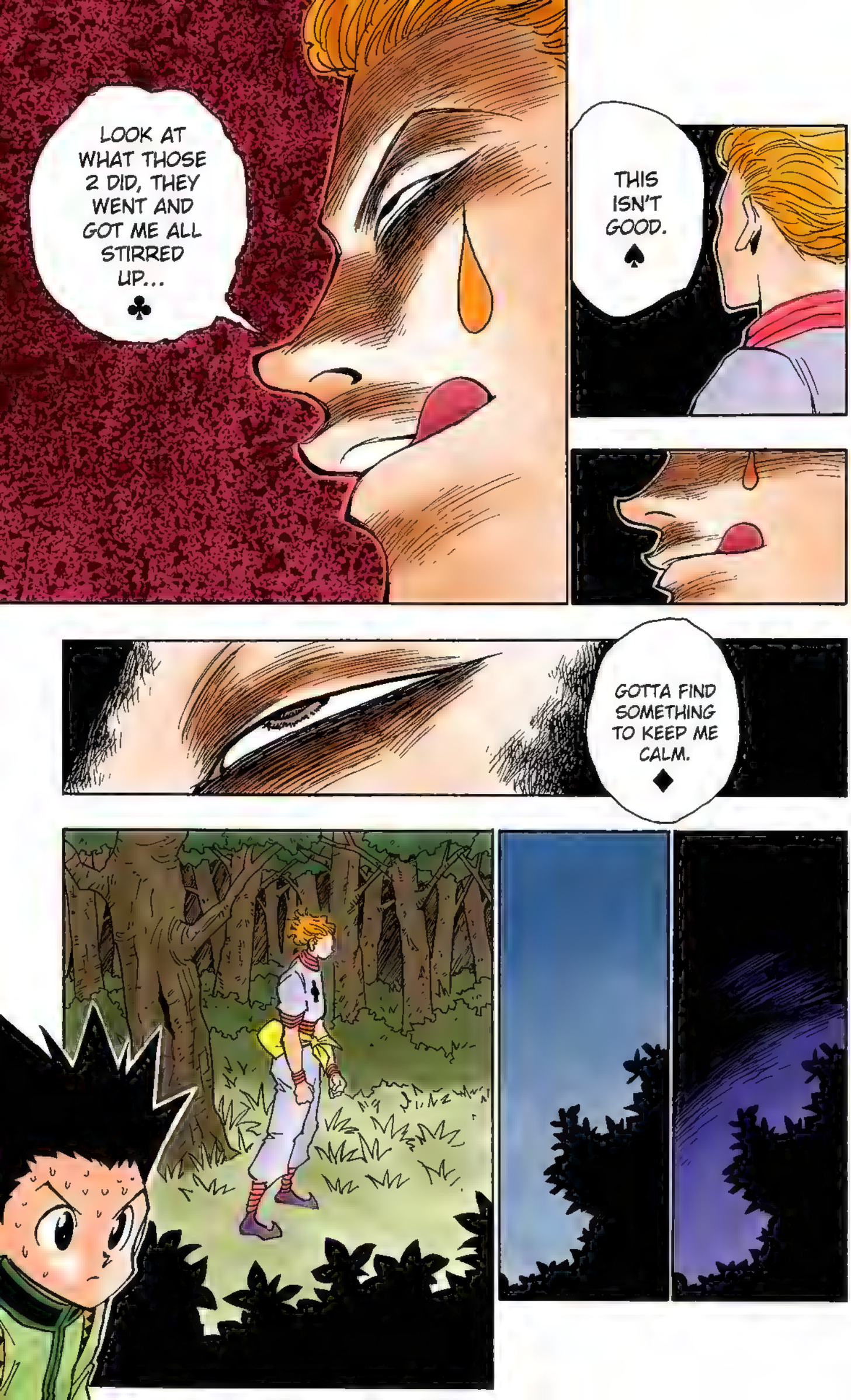
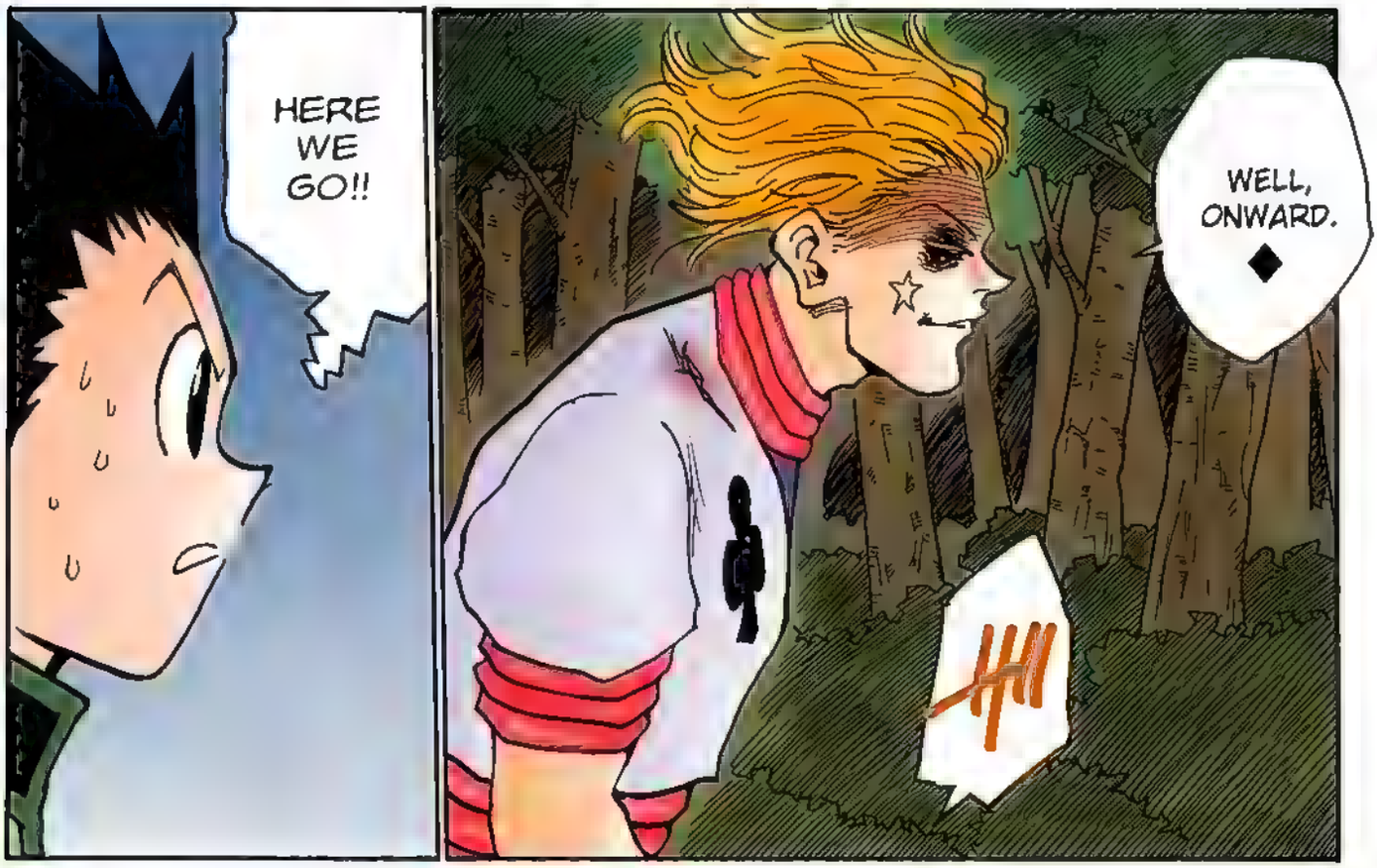
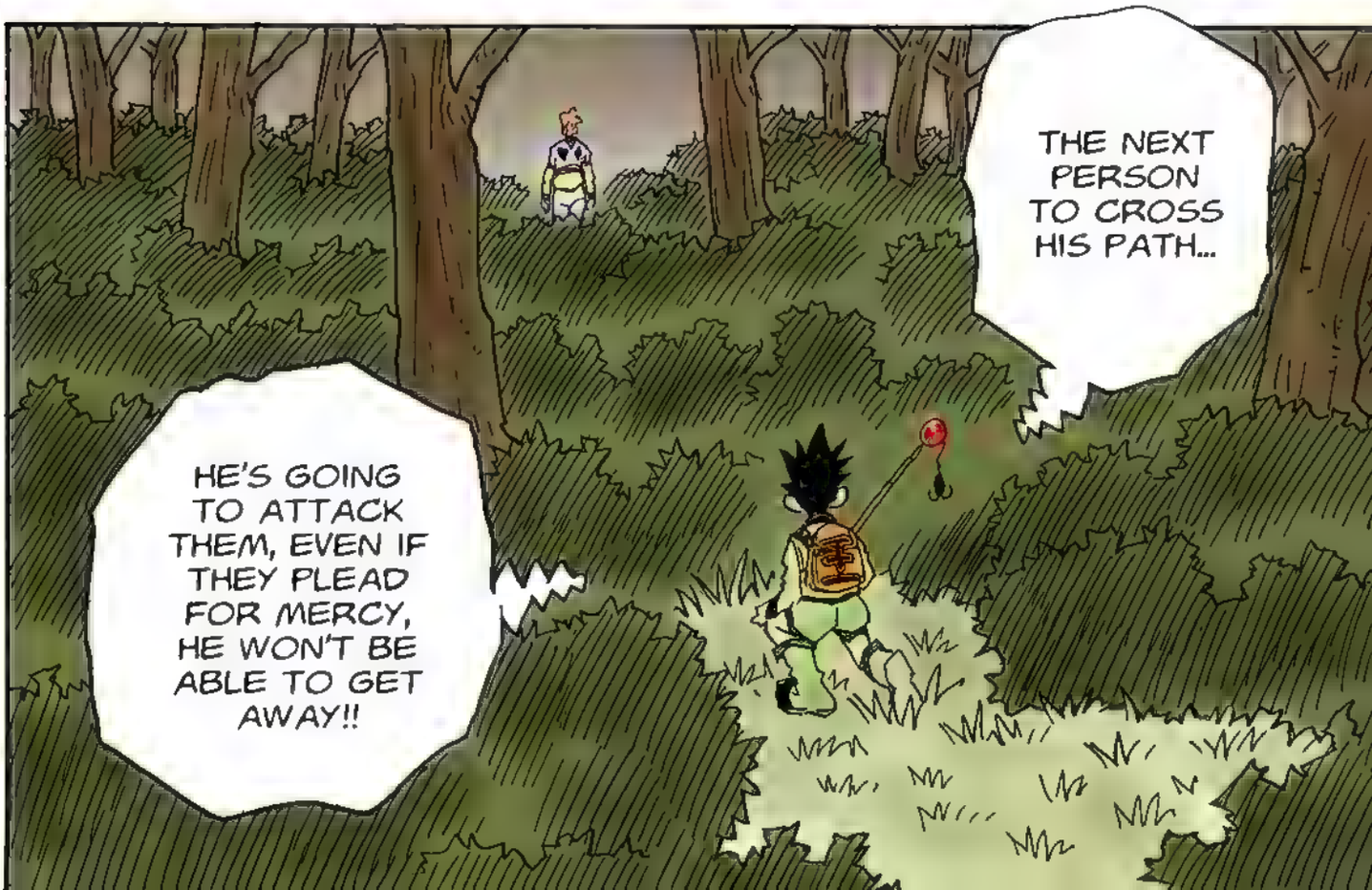
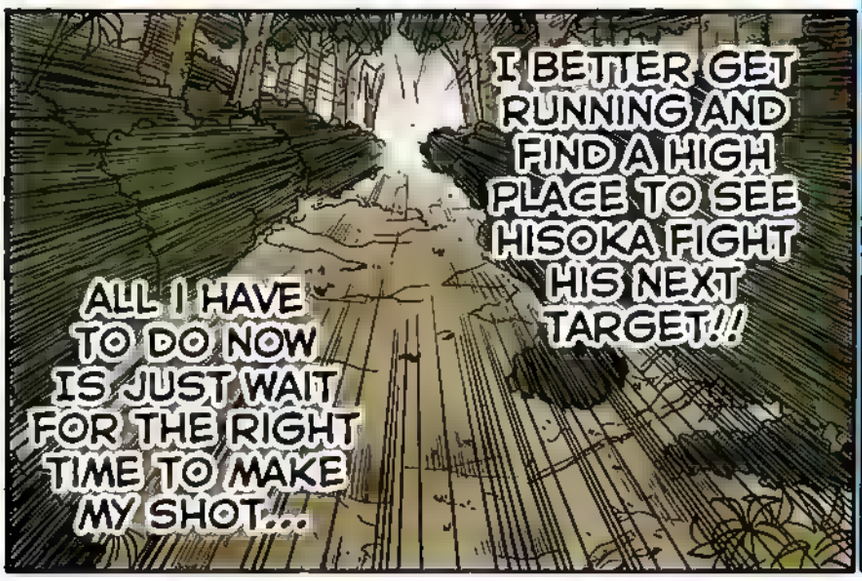

LOOK AT WHAT THOSE 2 DID, THEY WENT AND GOT ME ALL STIRRED UP... ♣
THIS ISN'T GOOD. ♠
GOTTA FIND SOMETHING TO KEEP ME CALM. ♦

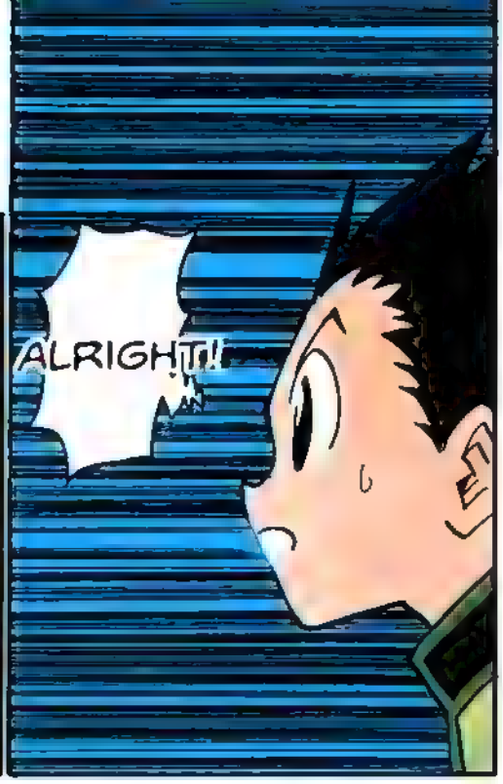


FROM THE WAY HE LOOKS, I DON'T THINK HE'S READY TO GIVE UP JUST YET.

HIS BLOODLUST IS GOING DOWN, BUT...




I BETTER GET RUNNING AND FIND A HIGH PLACE TO SEE HISOKA FIGHT HIS NEXT TARGET!!
ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS JUST WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE MY SHOT...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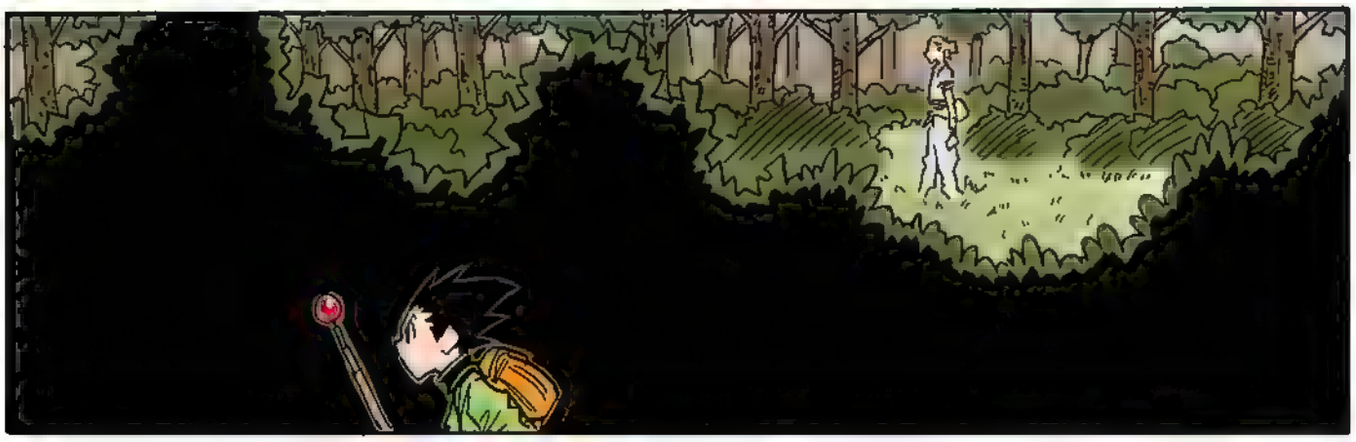

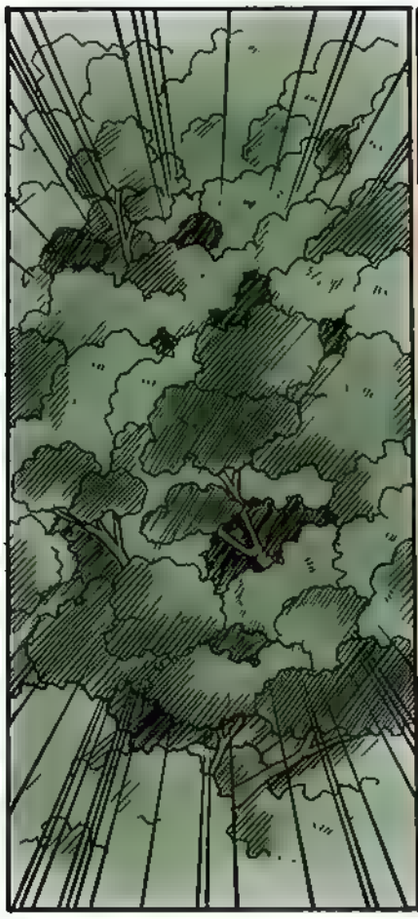

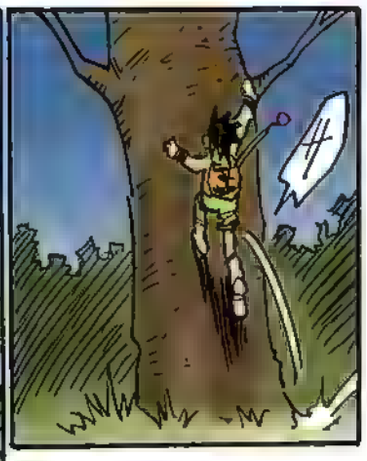

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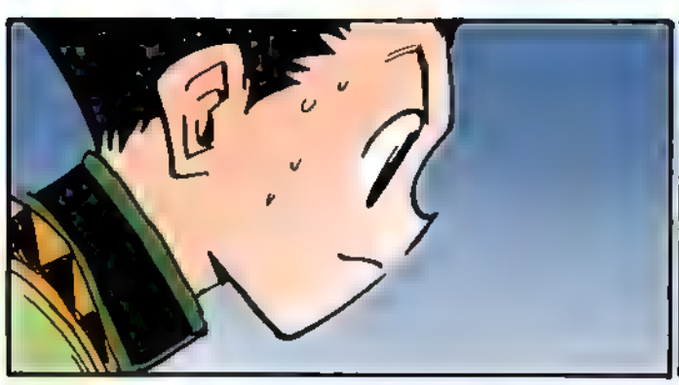
ONCE HE GETS HERE, HISOKA IS SURE TO MAKE A MOVE TO ATTACK.
AS THOSE 2 FIGHT EACH OTHER, I'LL STRIKE AT THE PRECISE MOMENT...!!

IF HISOKA IS COMING THIS WAY, IT WON'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE HE CATCHES UP.
SO THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.

RIGHT THERE!!



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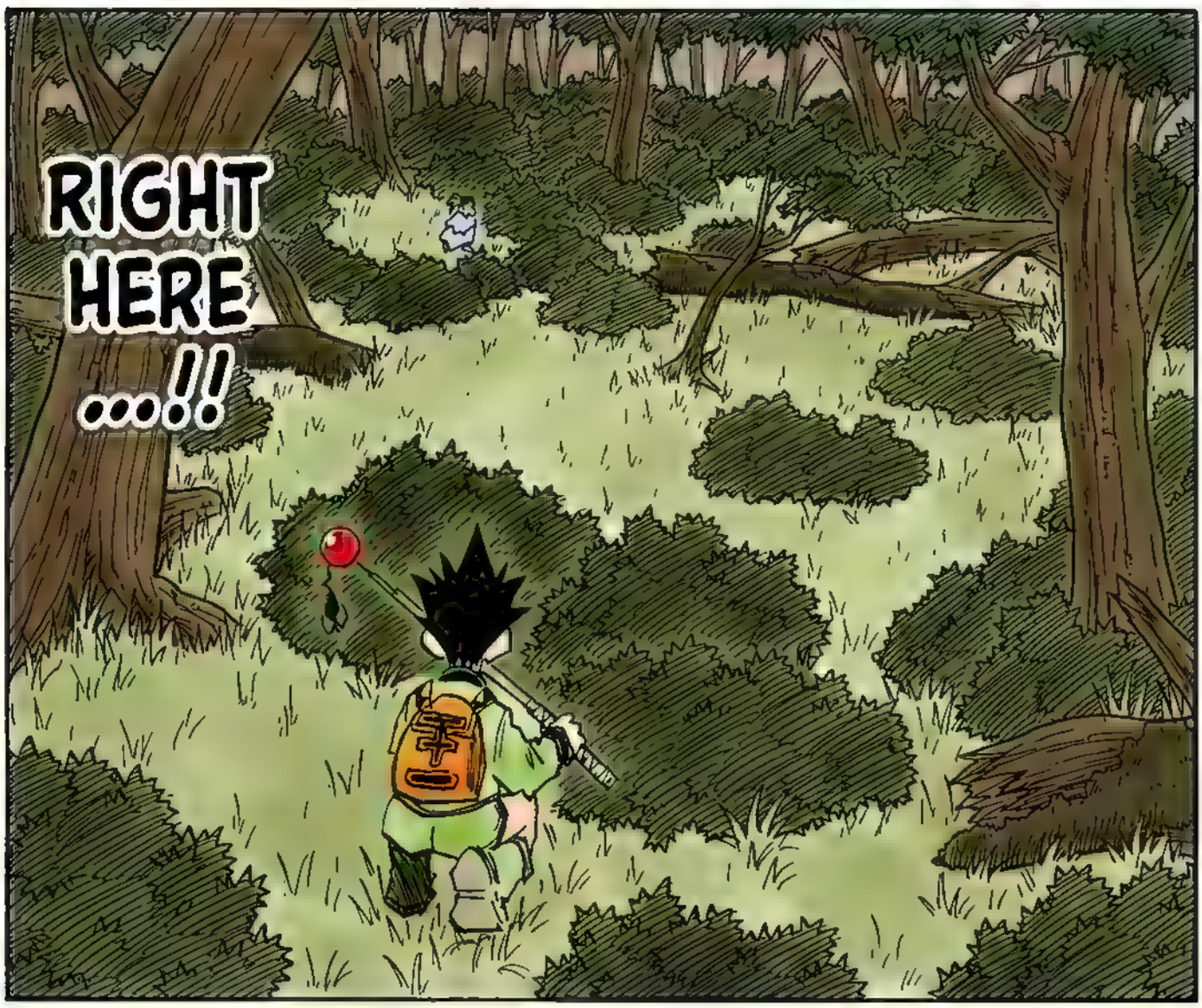
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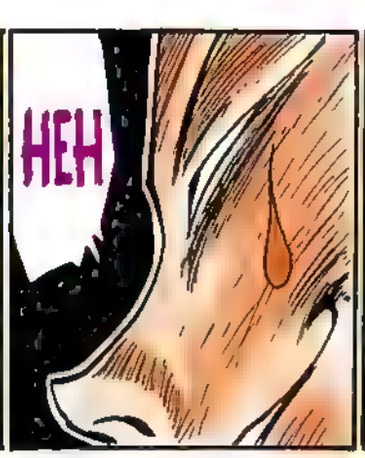
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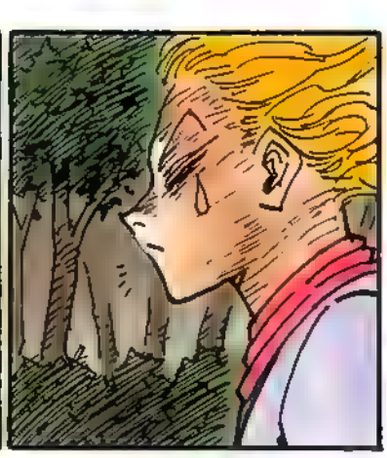

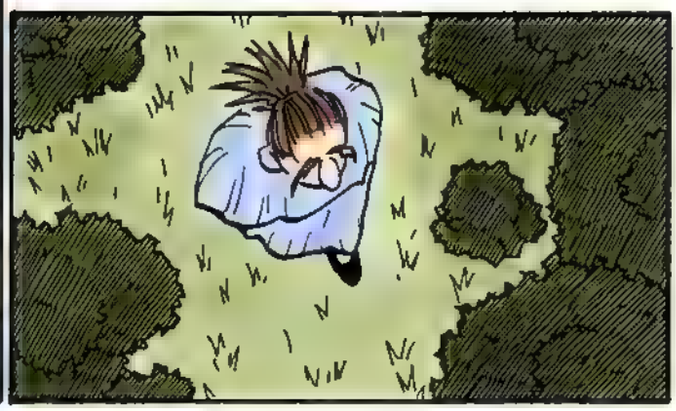

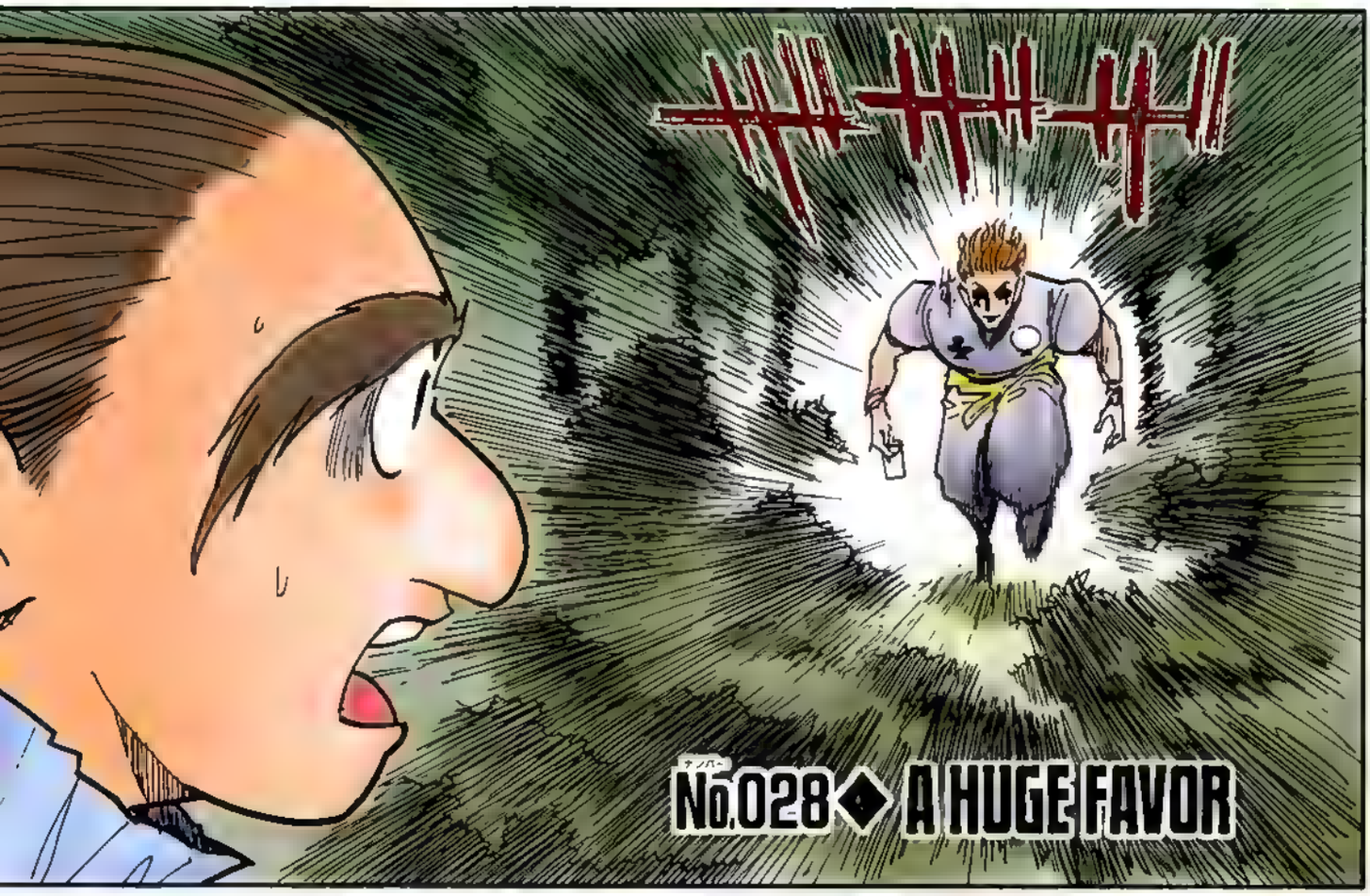
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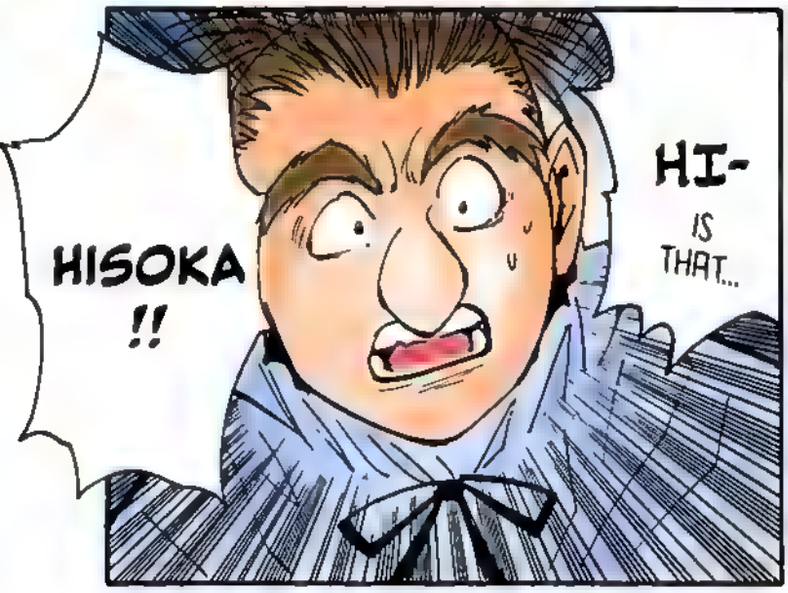
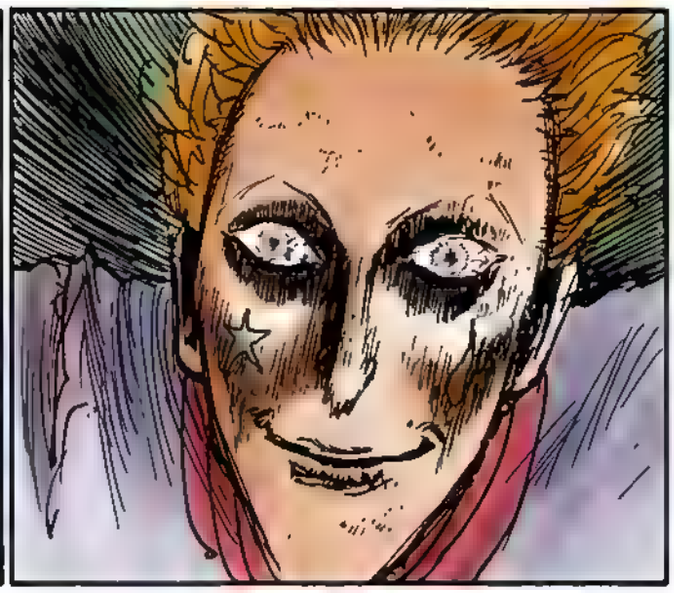
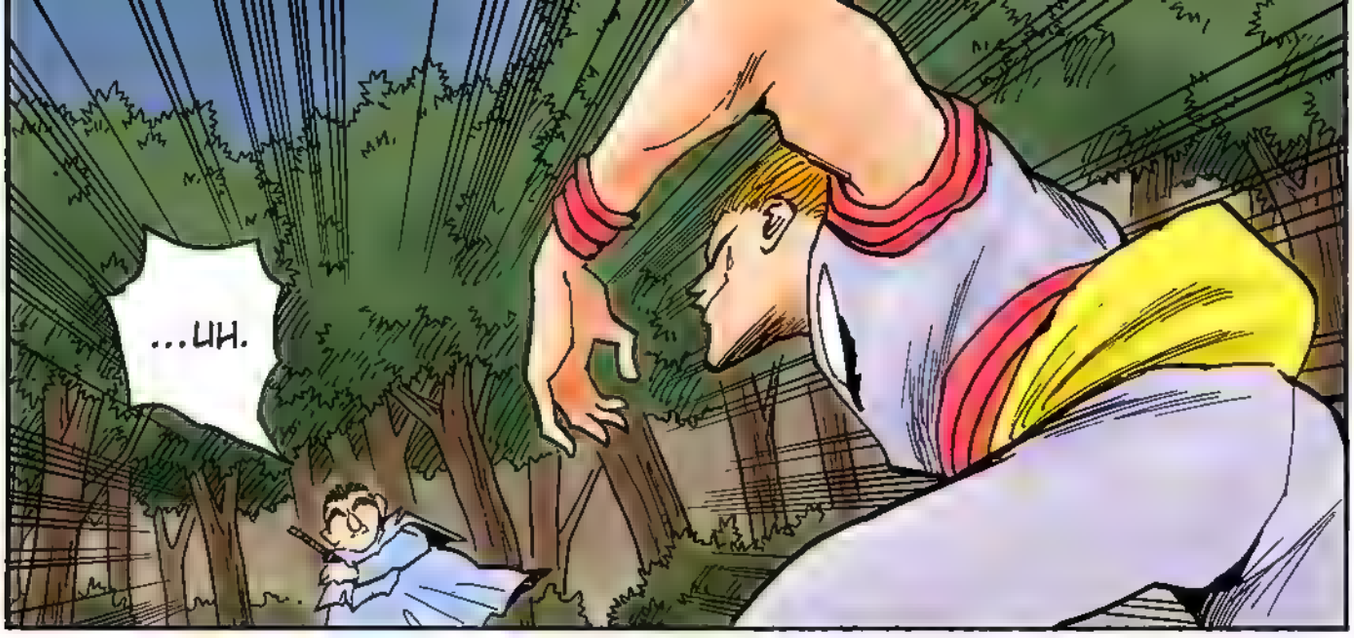

HISOKA !!
HI- IS THAT...



No.028 ◆ A HUGE FAVOR
HE'S COMING !!!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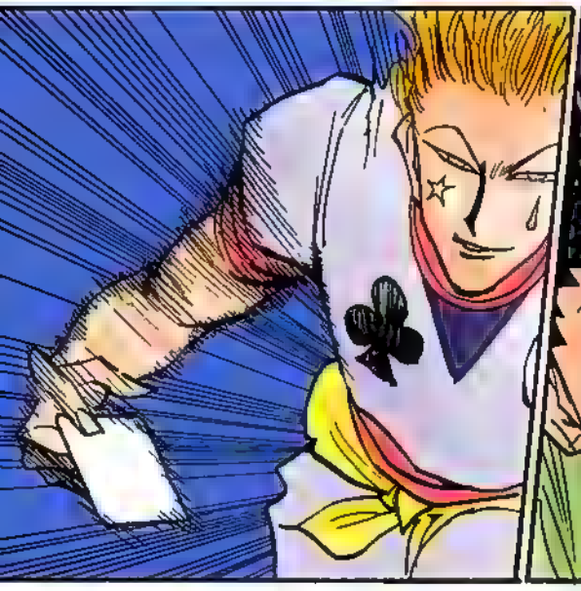
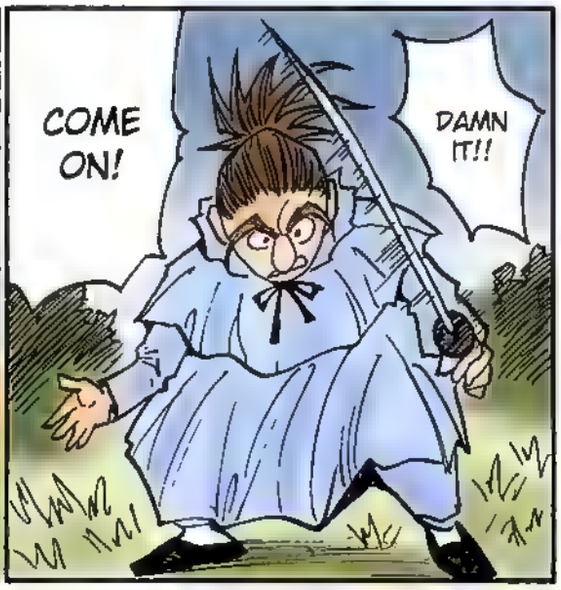
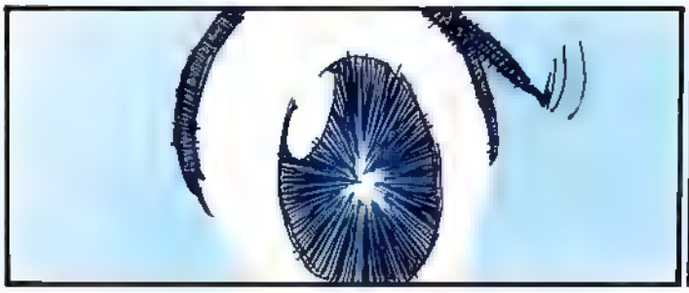
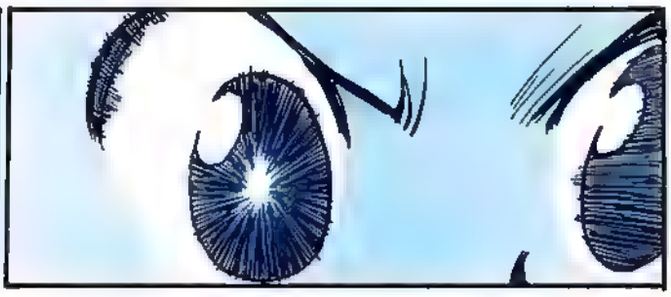
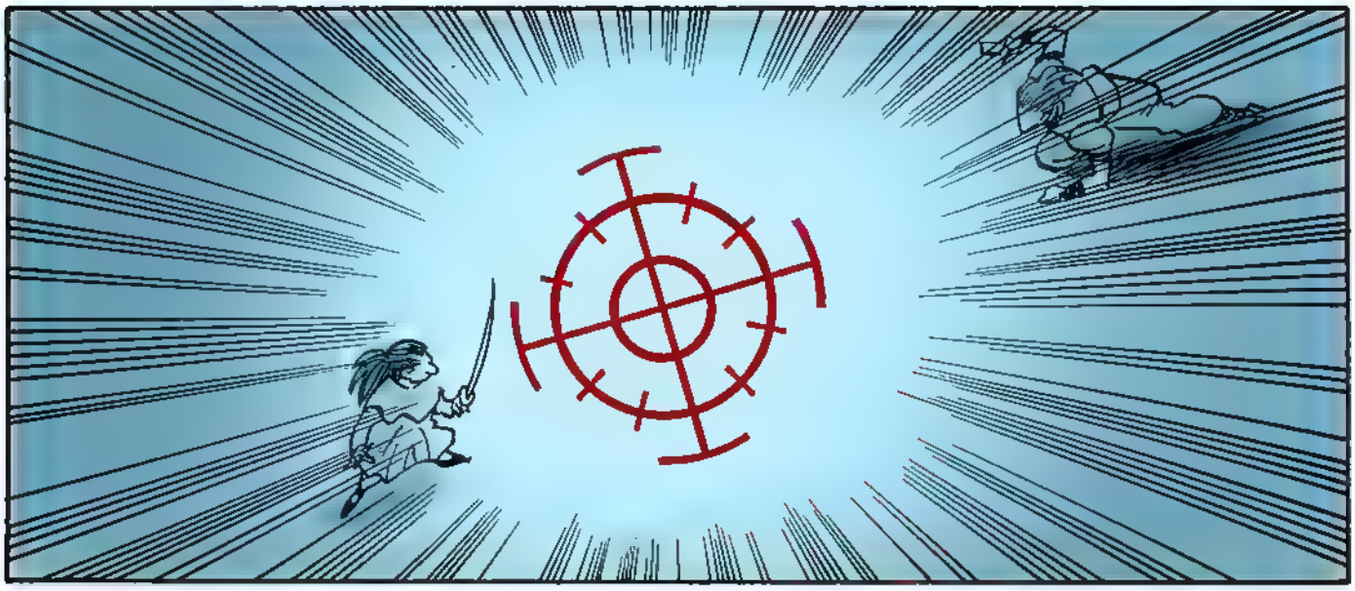


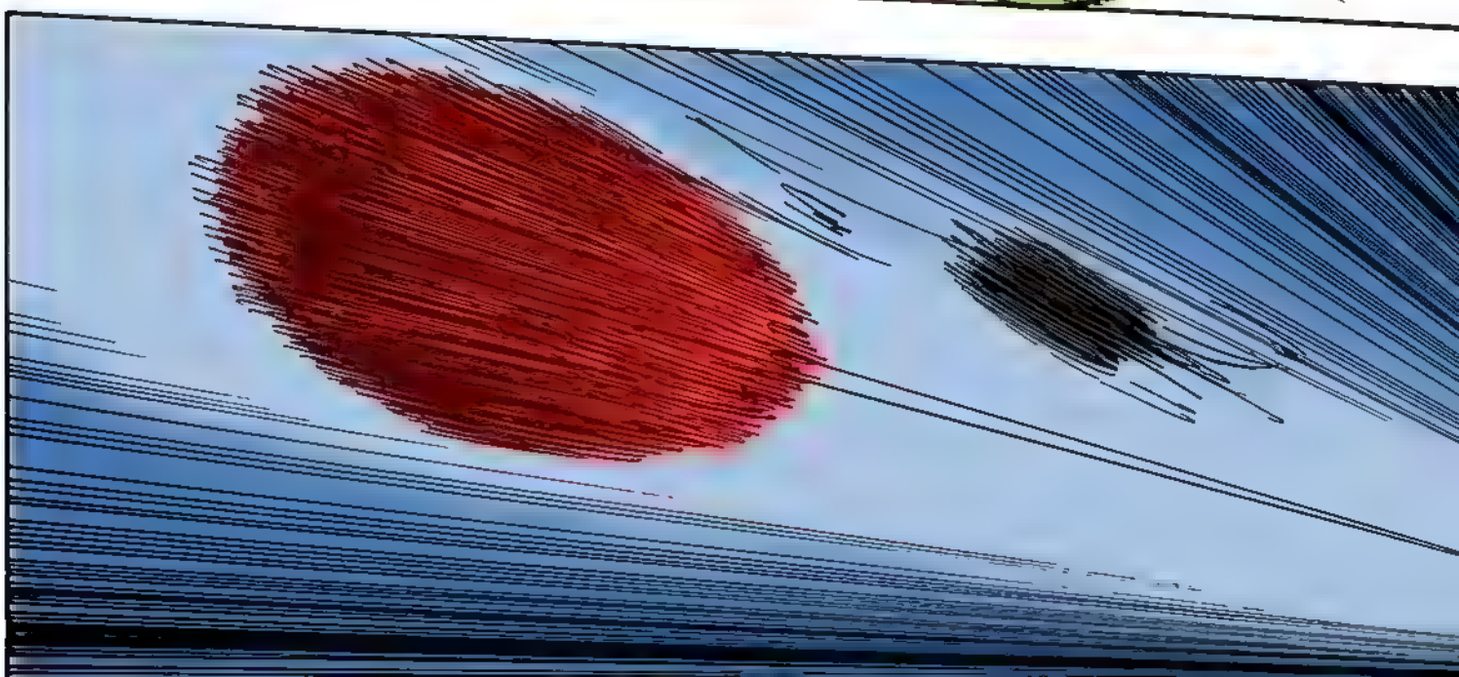
HE'S GONNA TAKE HIM ON!!

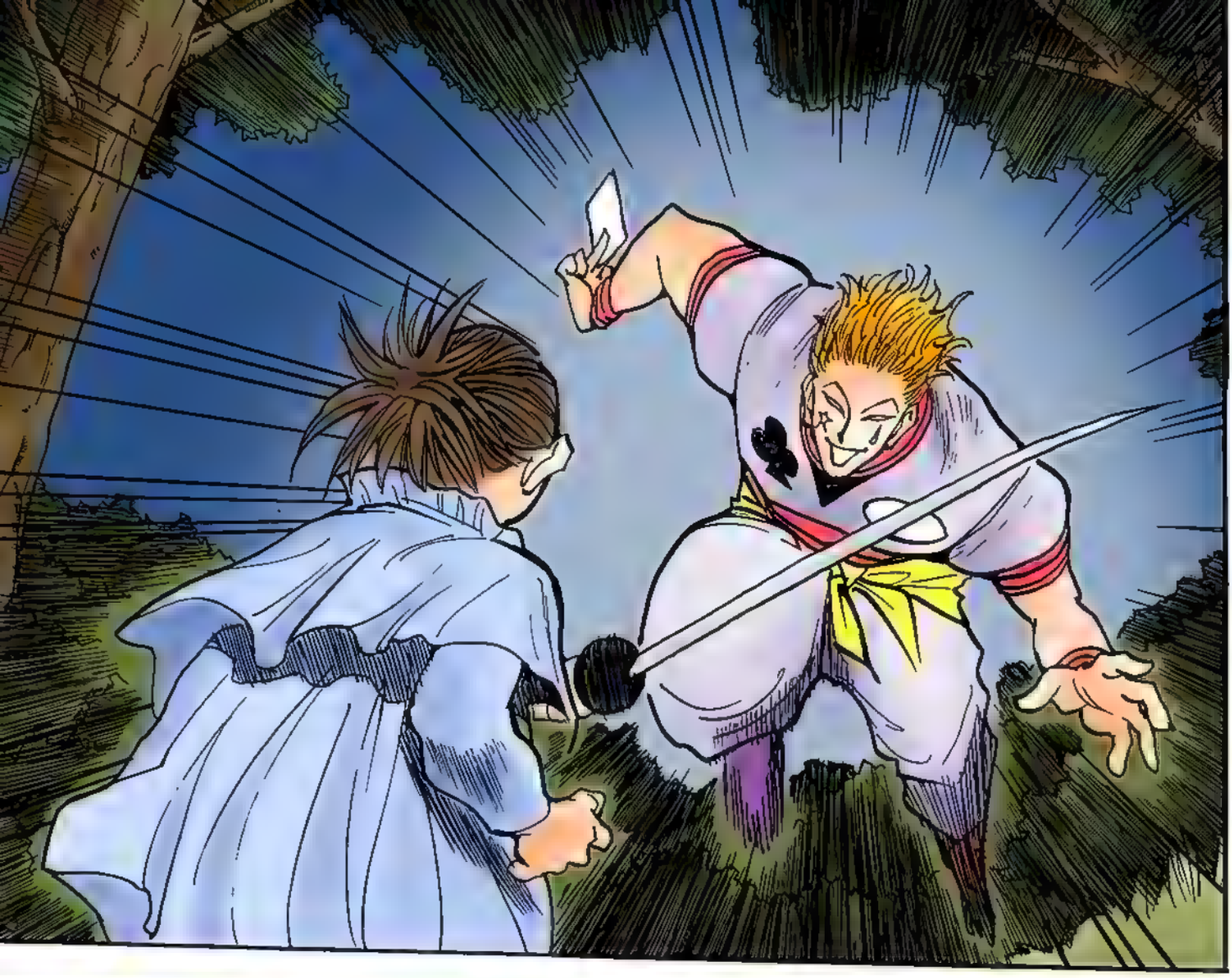

COME ON!
DAMN IT!!

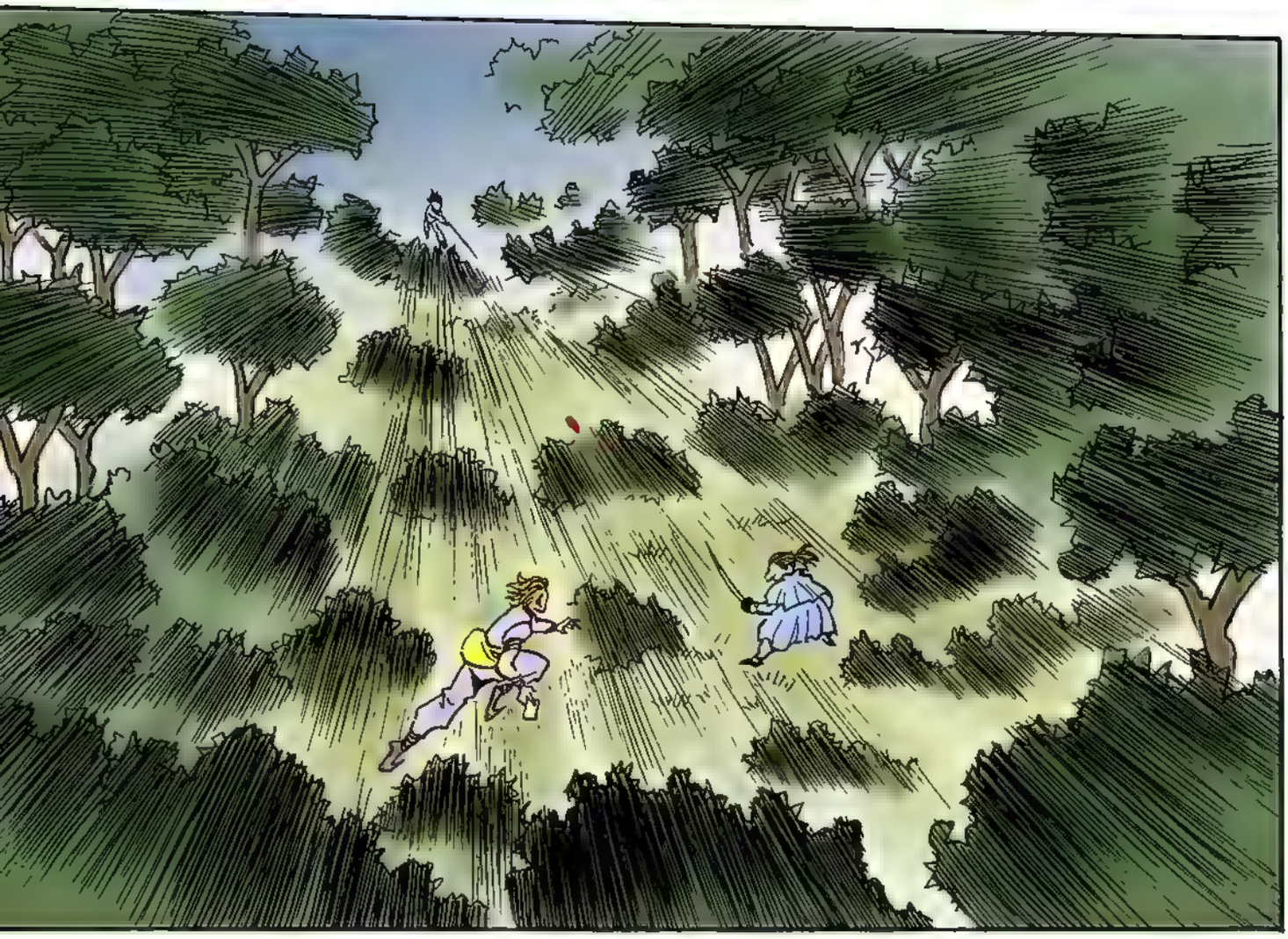












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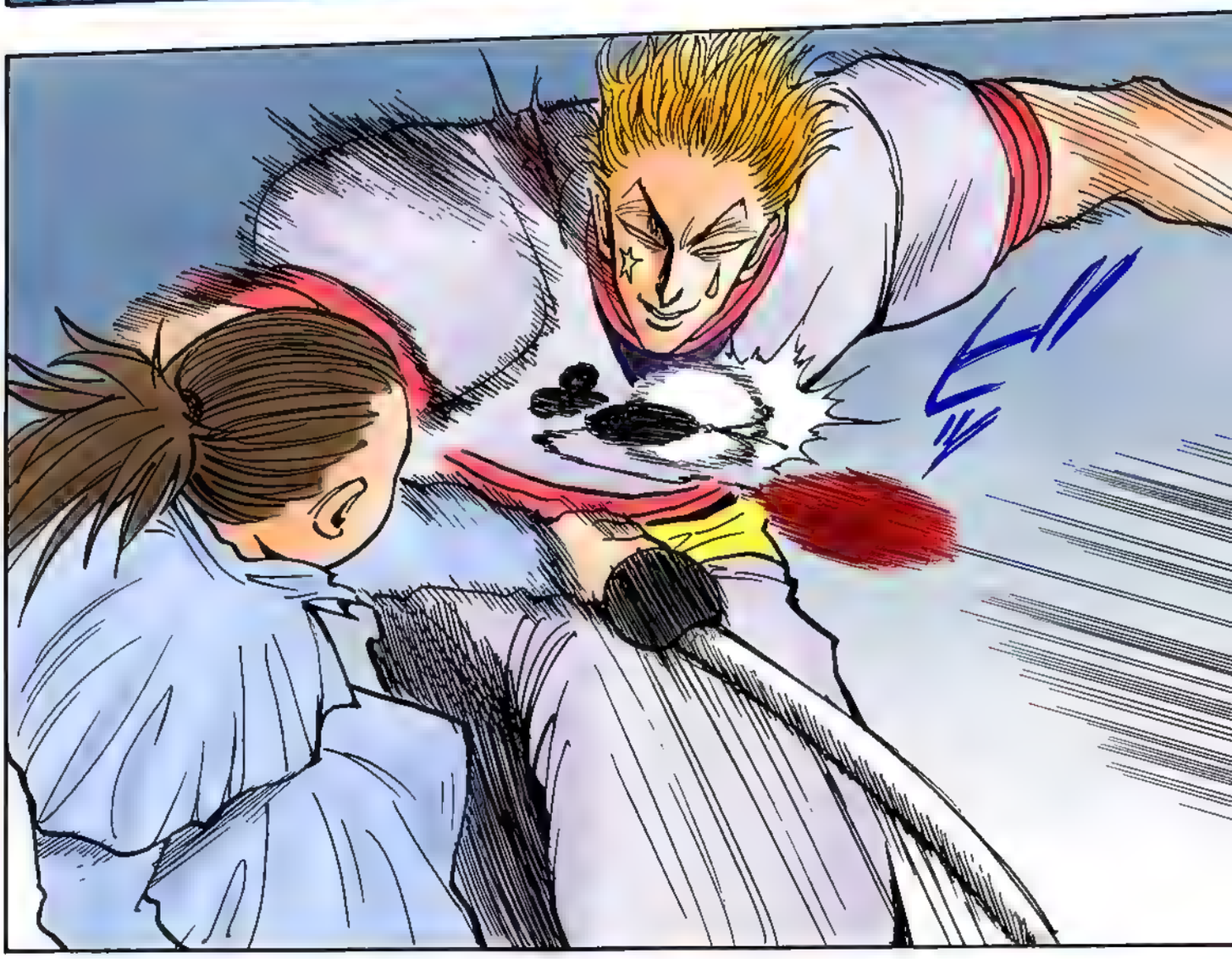

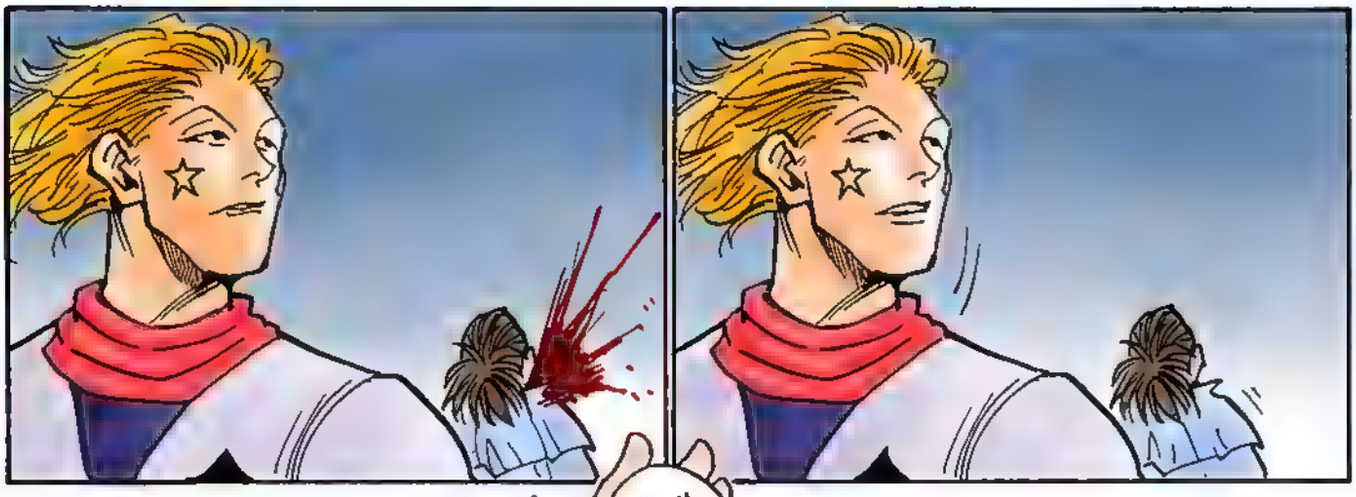

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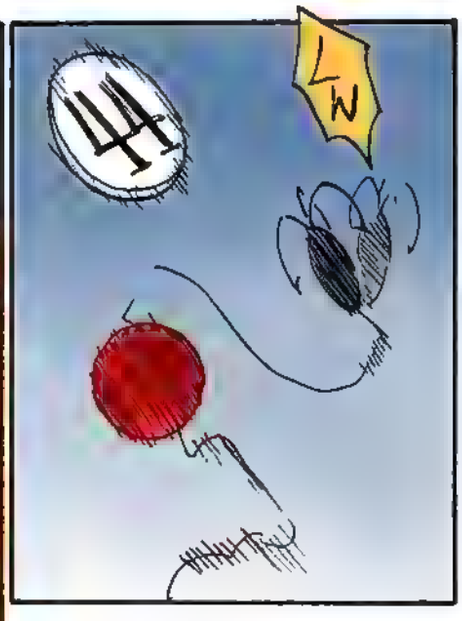
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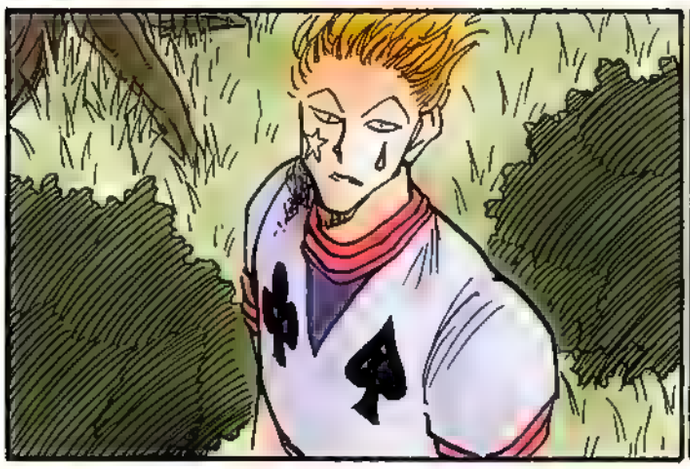

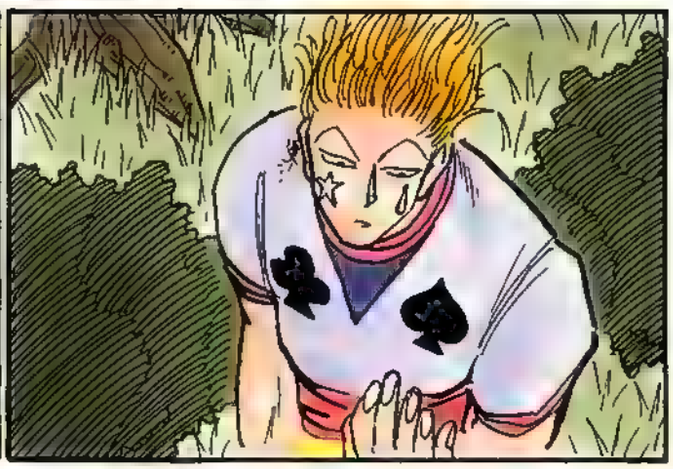

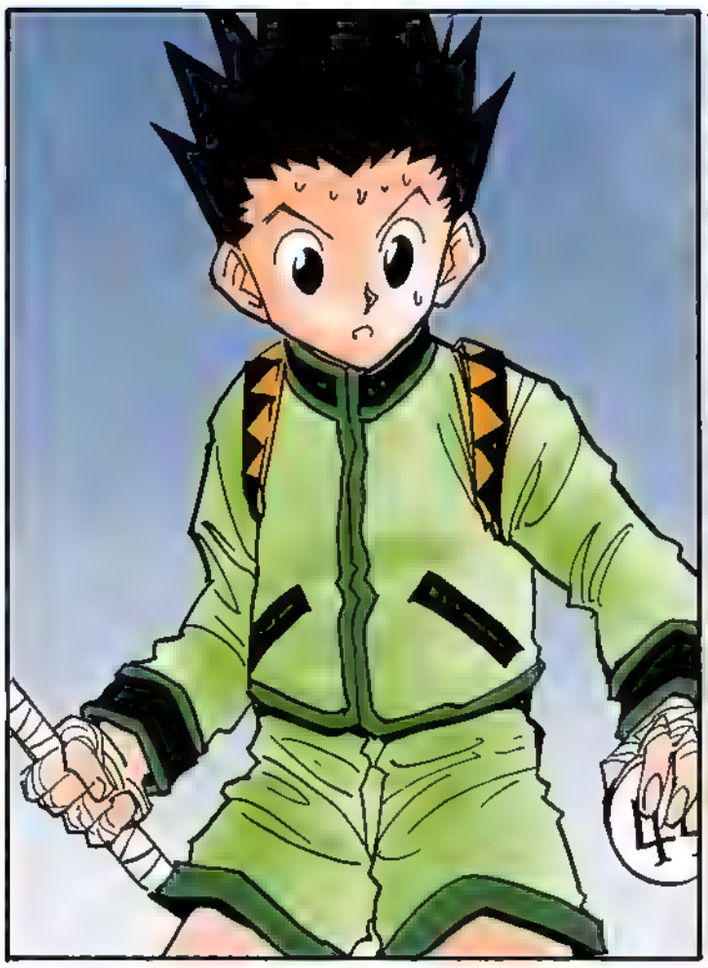

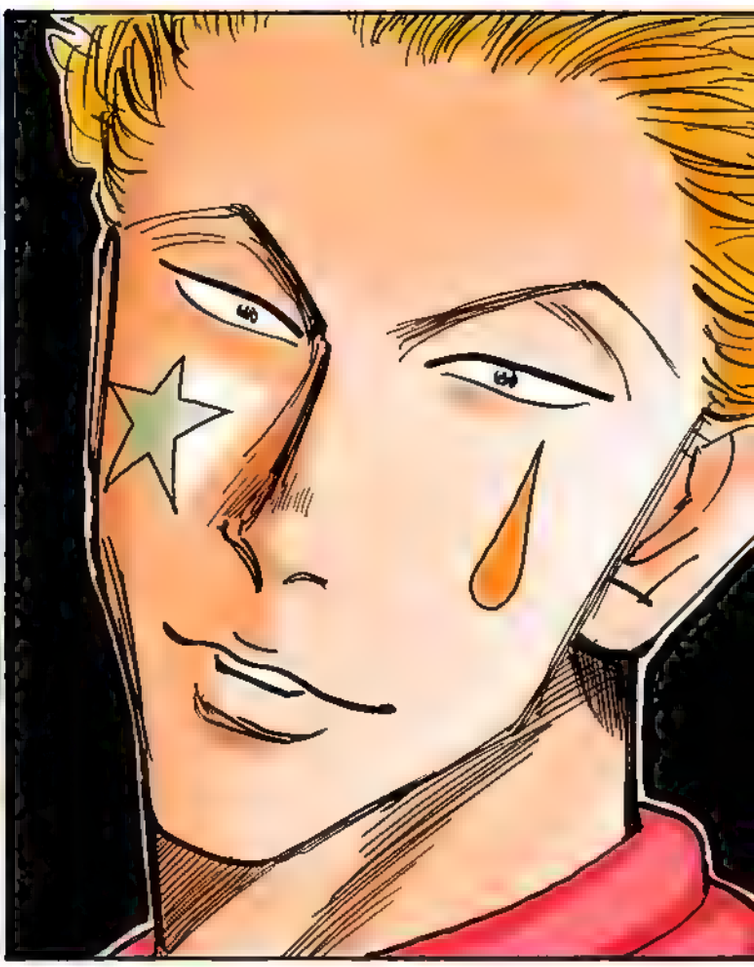

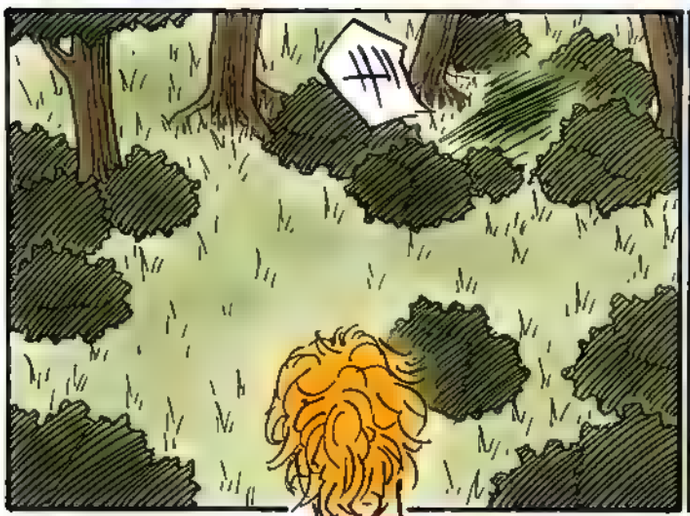

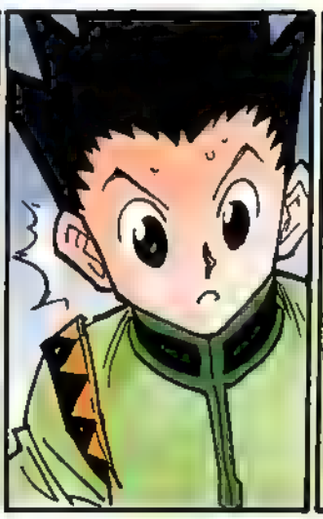

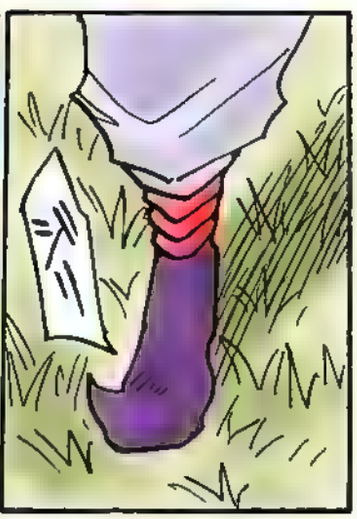

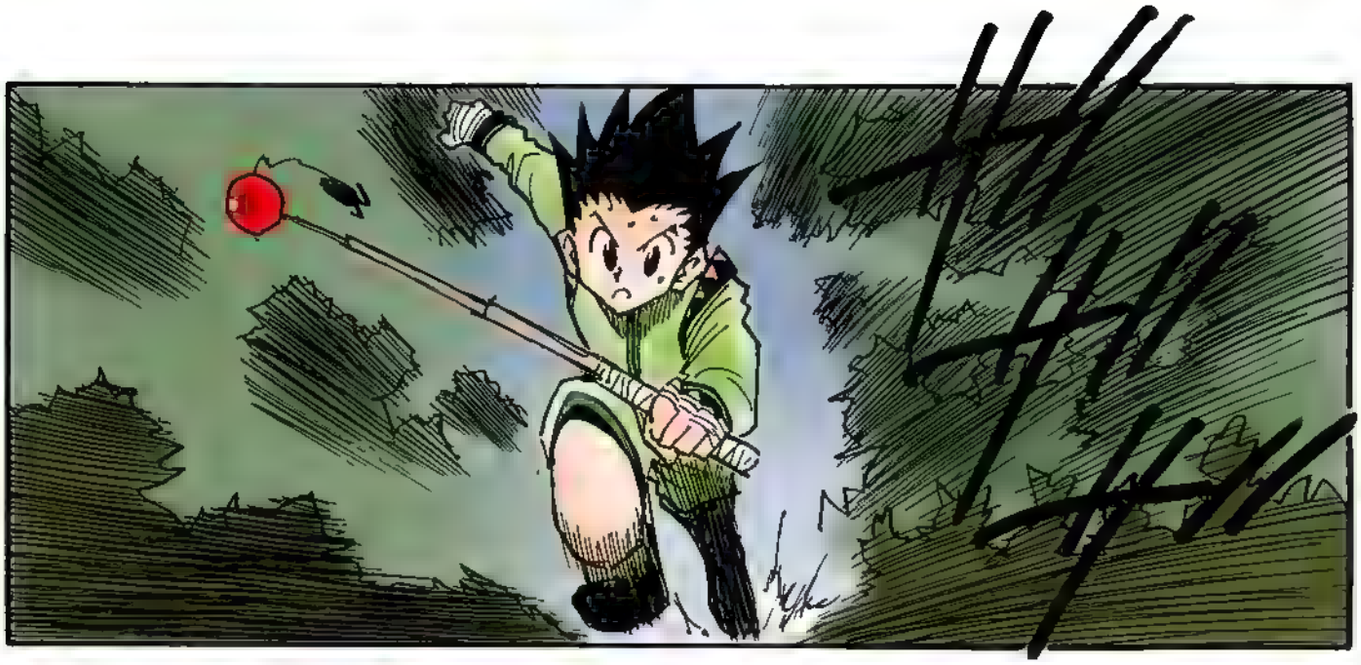

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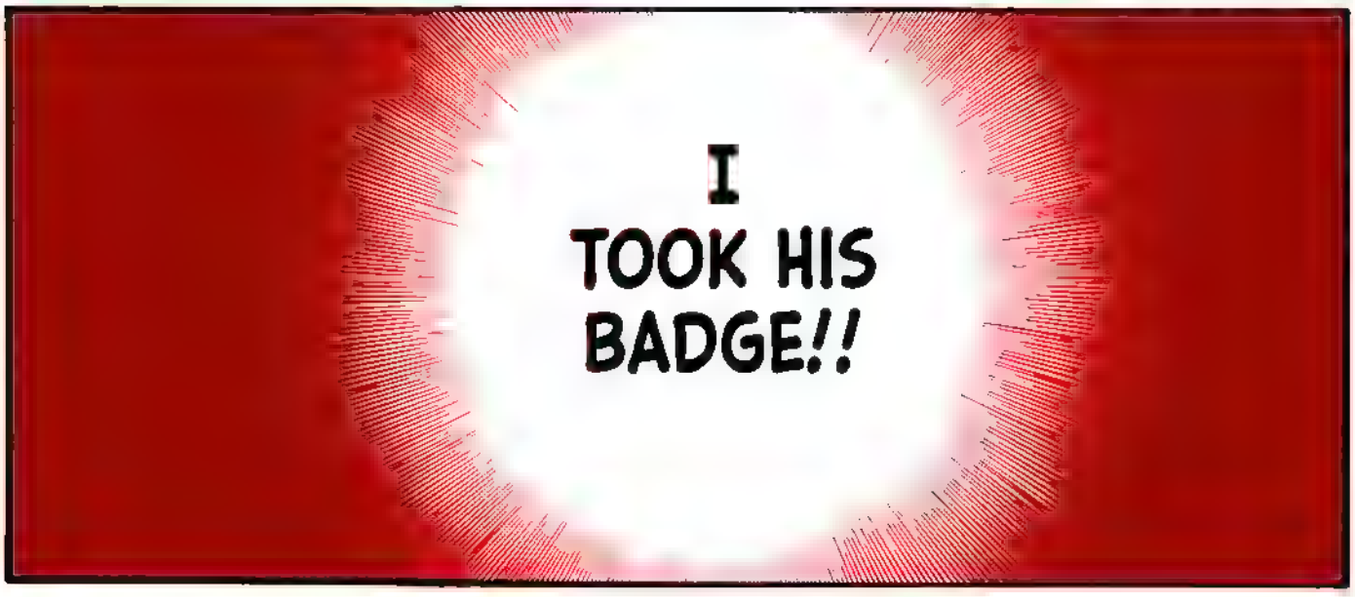
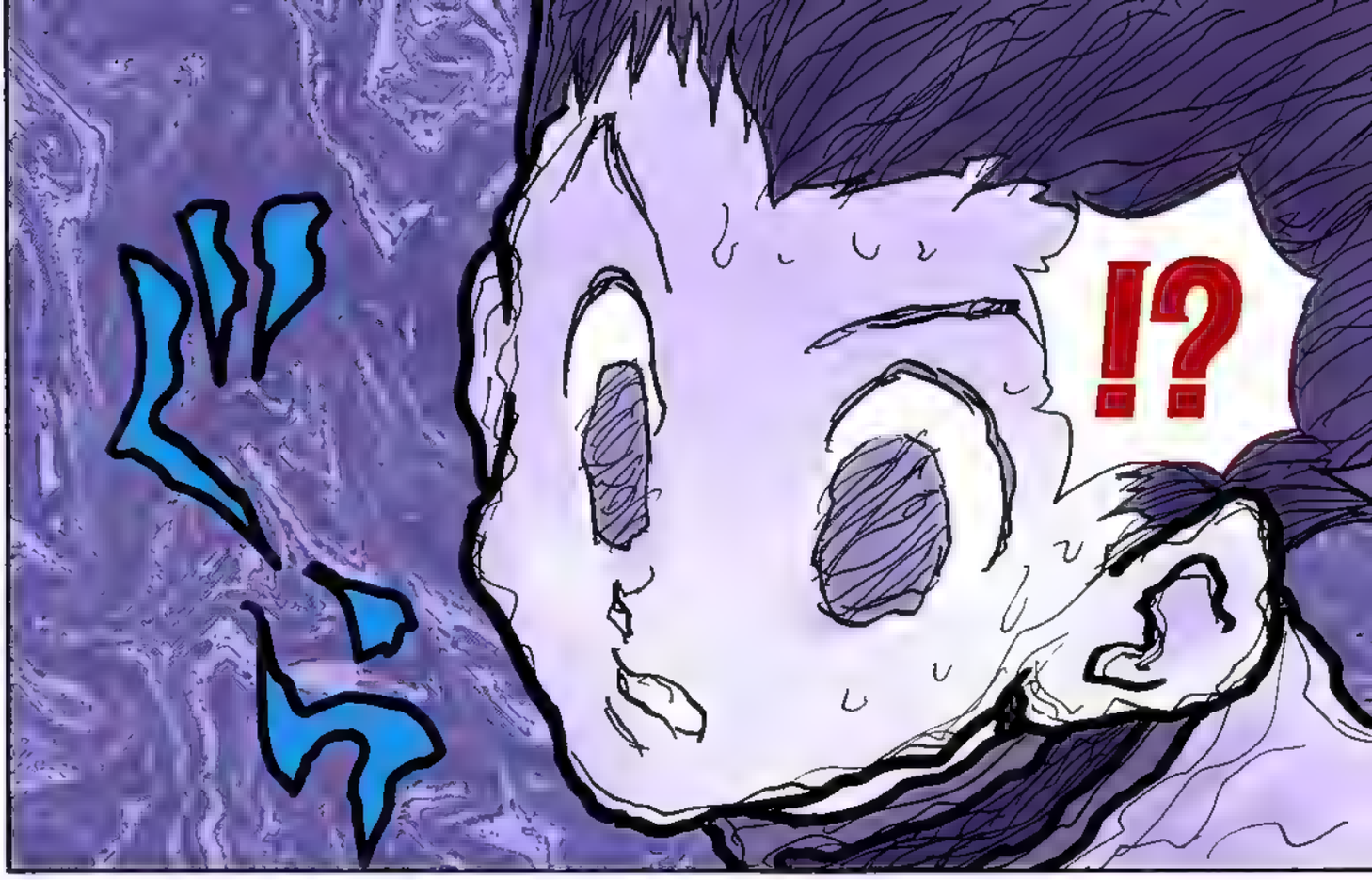
HISOKA'S ...
I DID IT...


I TOOK HIS BADGE!!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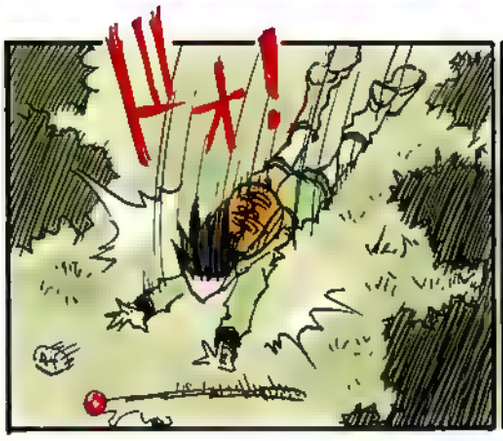
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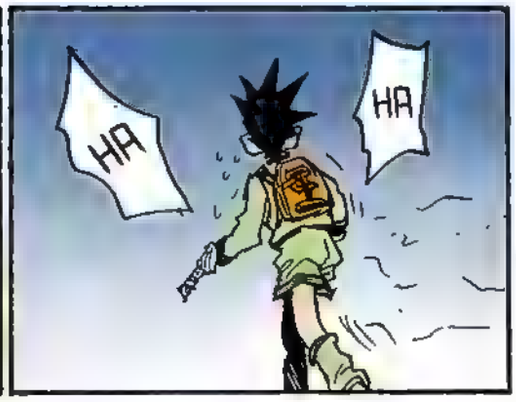
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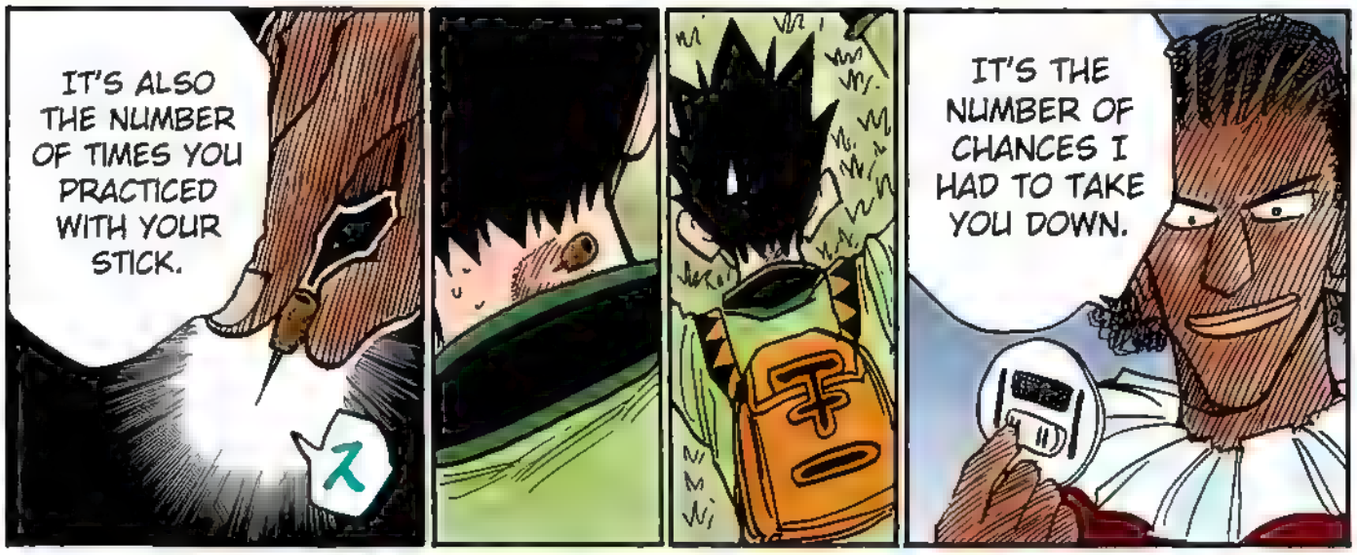
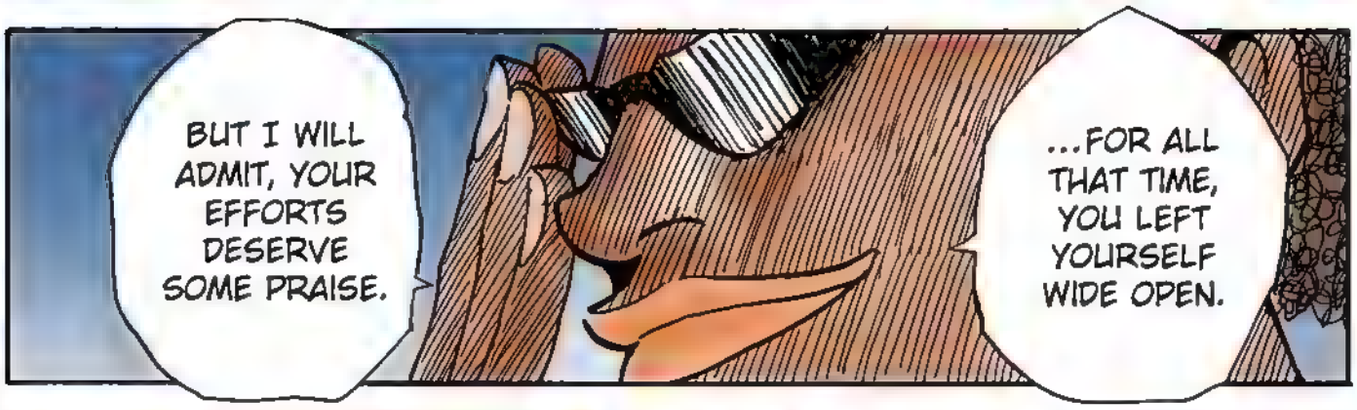
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER REPRESENTS?
IT TOOK ME SEVEN THOUSAND TRIES.


IT'S ALSO THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU PRACTICED WITH YOUR STICK.
IT'S THE NUMBER OF CHANCES I HAD TO TAKE YOU DOWN.


BUT I WILL ADMIT, YOUR EFFORTS DESERVE SOME PRAISE.
...FOR ALL THAT TIME, YOU LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN.

IN THE FUTURE, MAKE SURE TO ALWAYS WATCH YOUR BACK.
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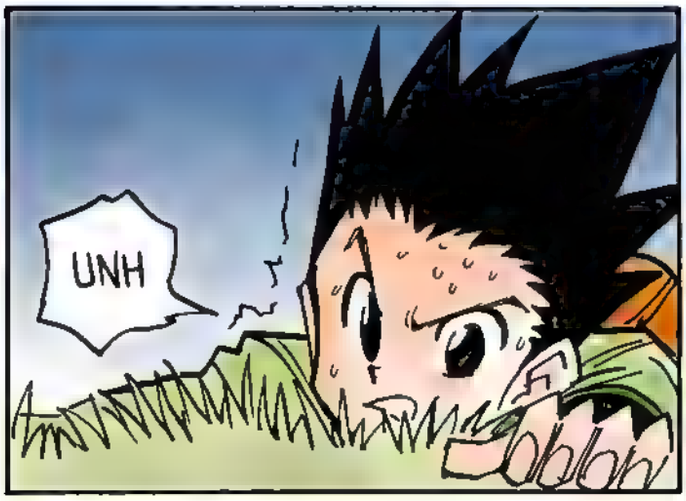
ESPECIALLY DURING YOUR LAST TRY.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SO LONG.
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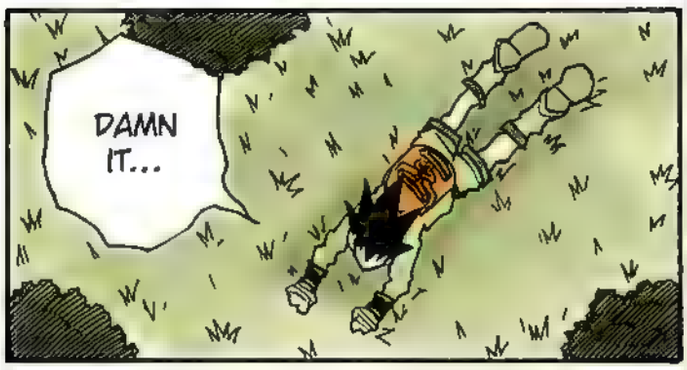
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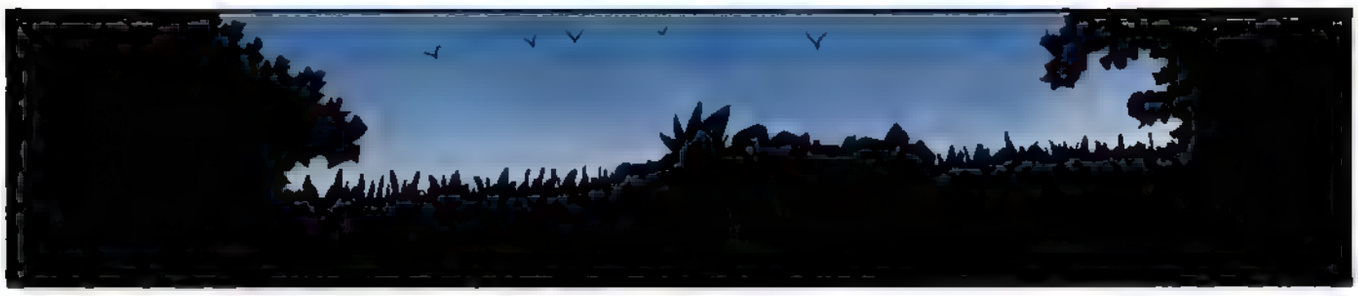

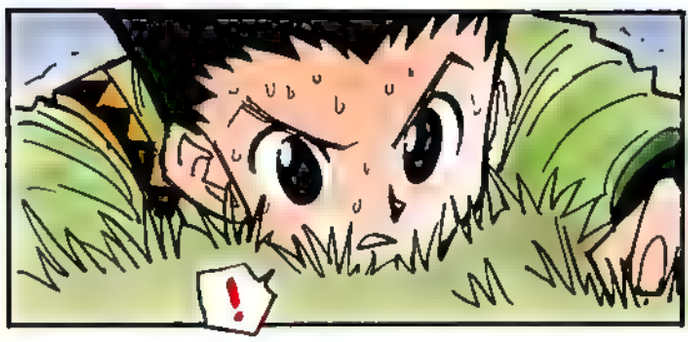
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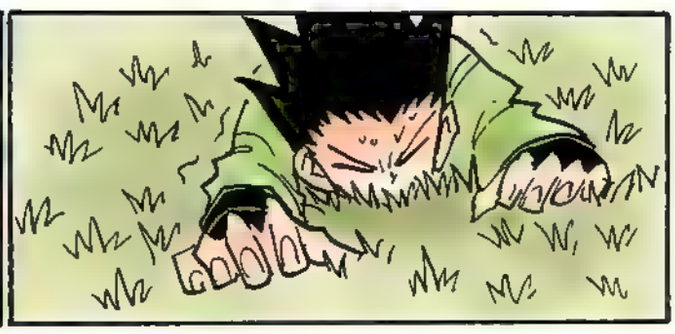

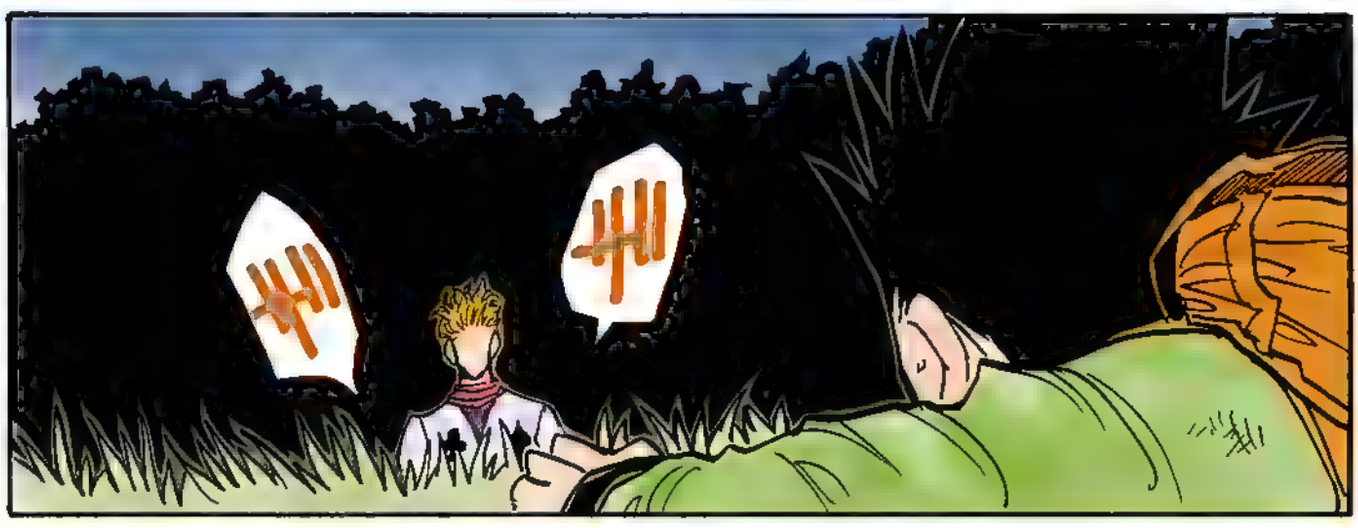

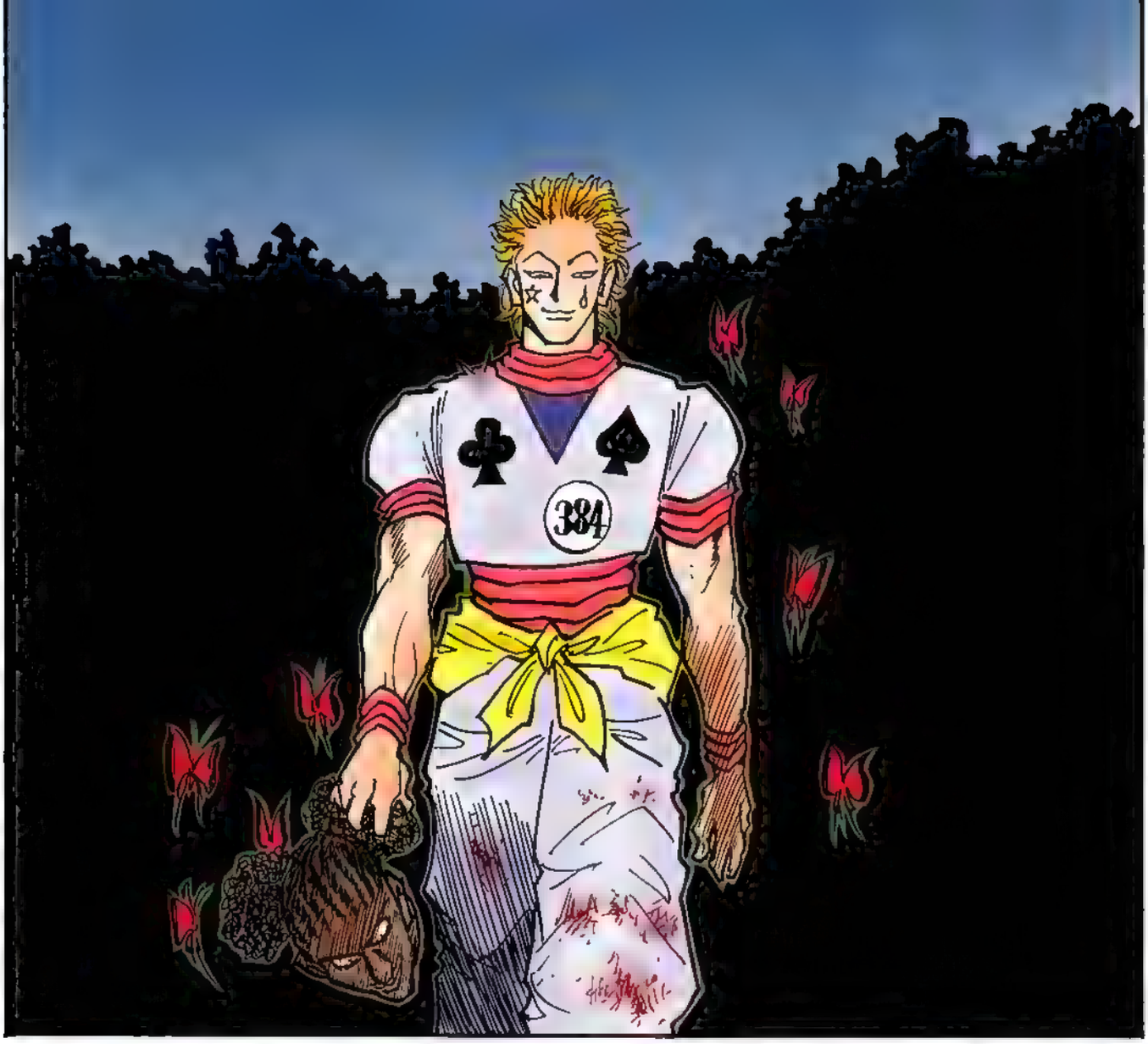
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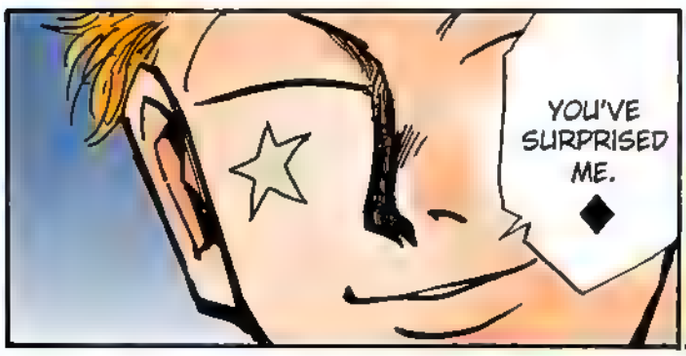
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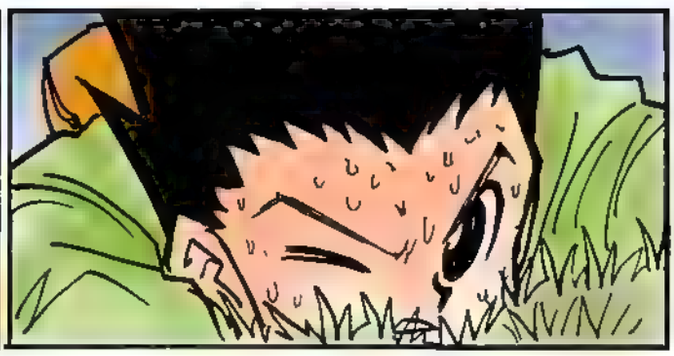
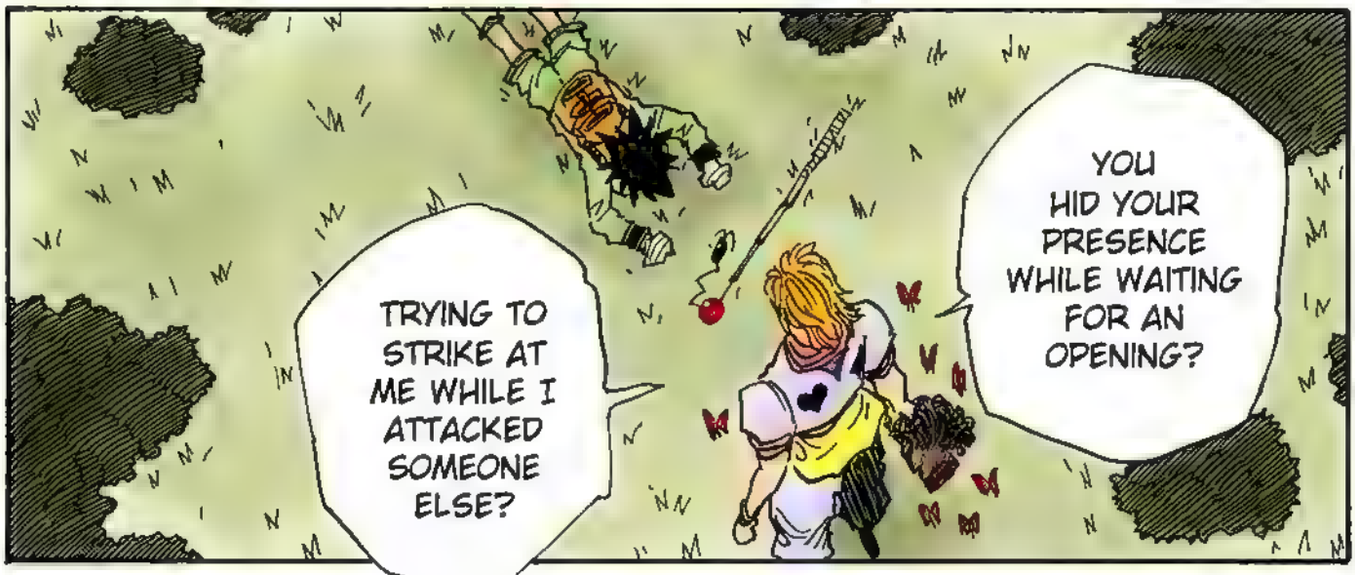
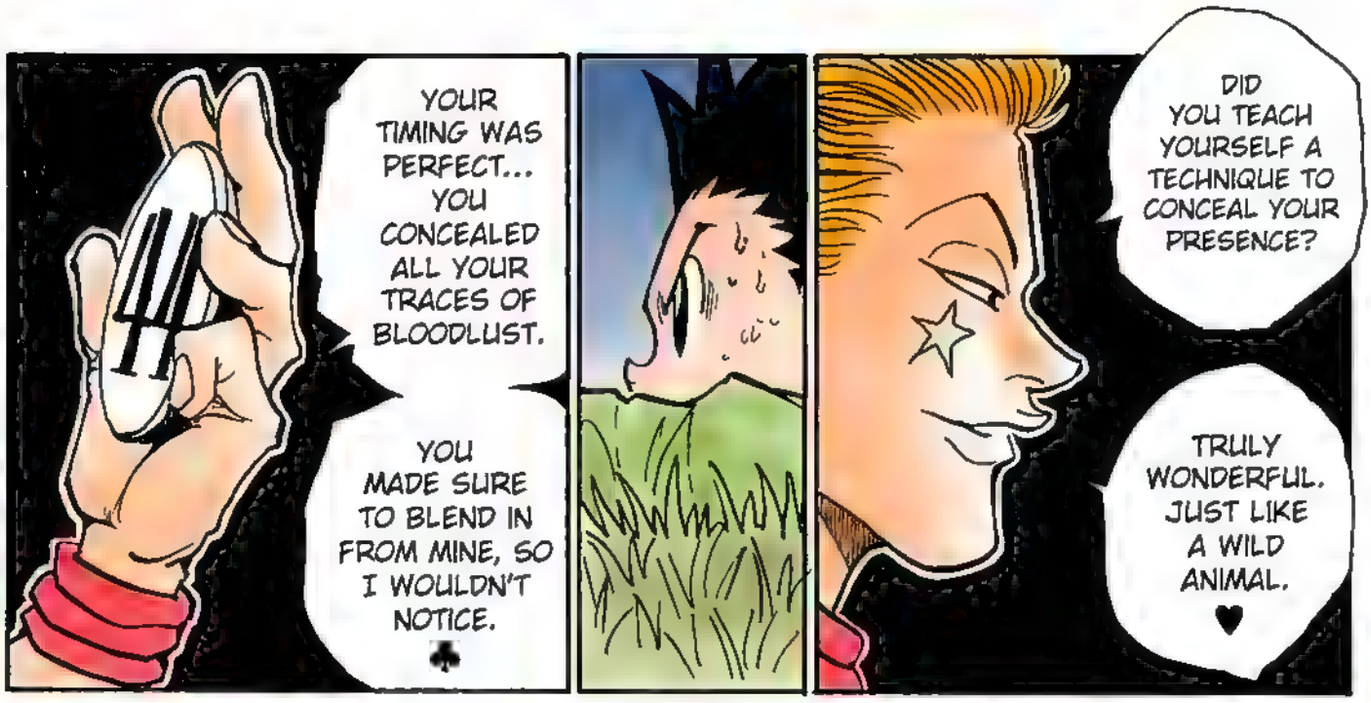
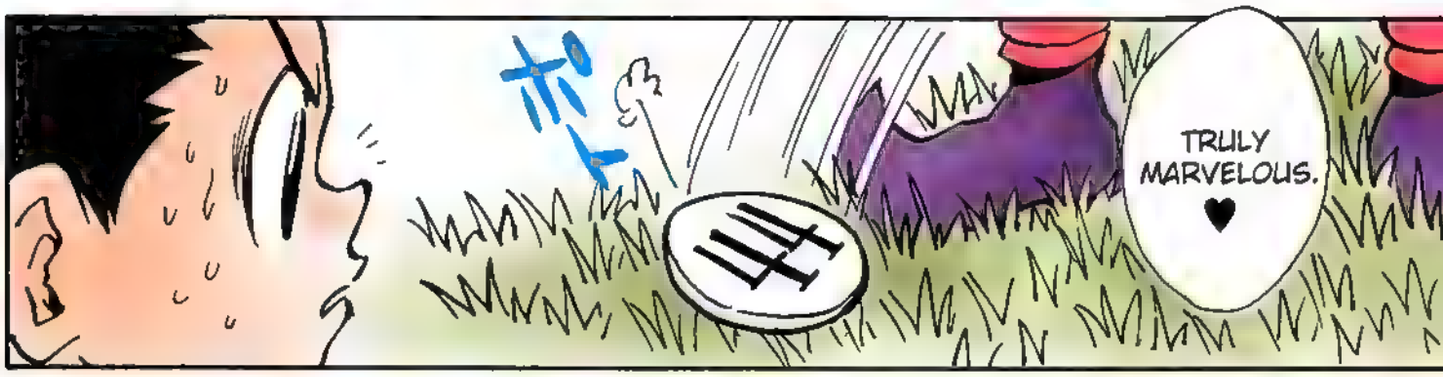
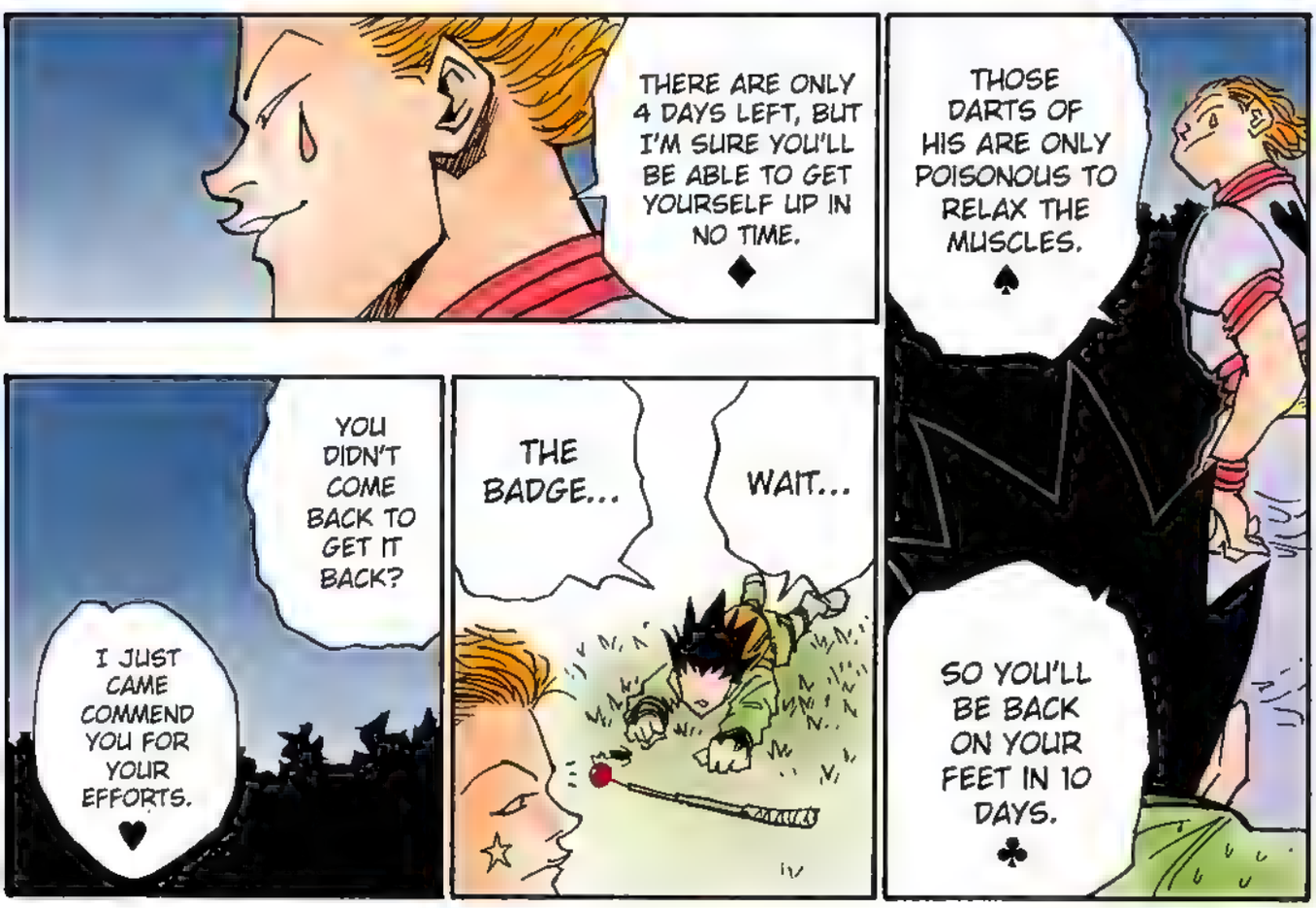
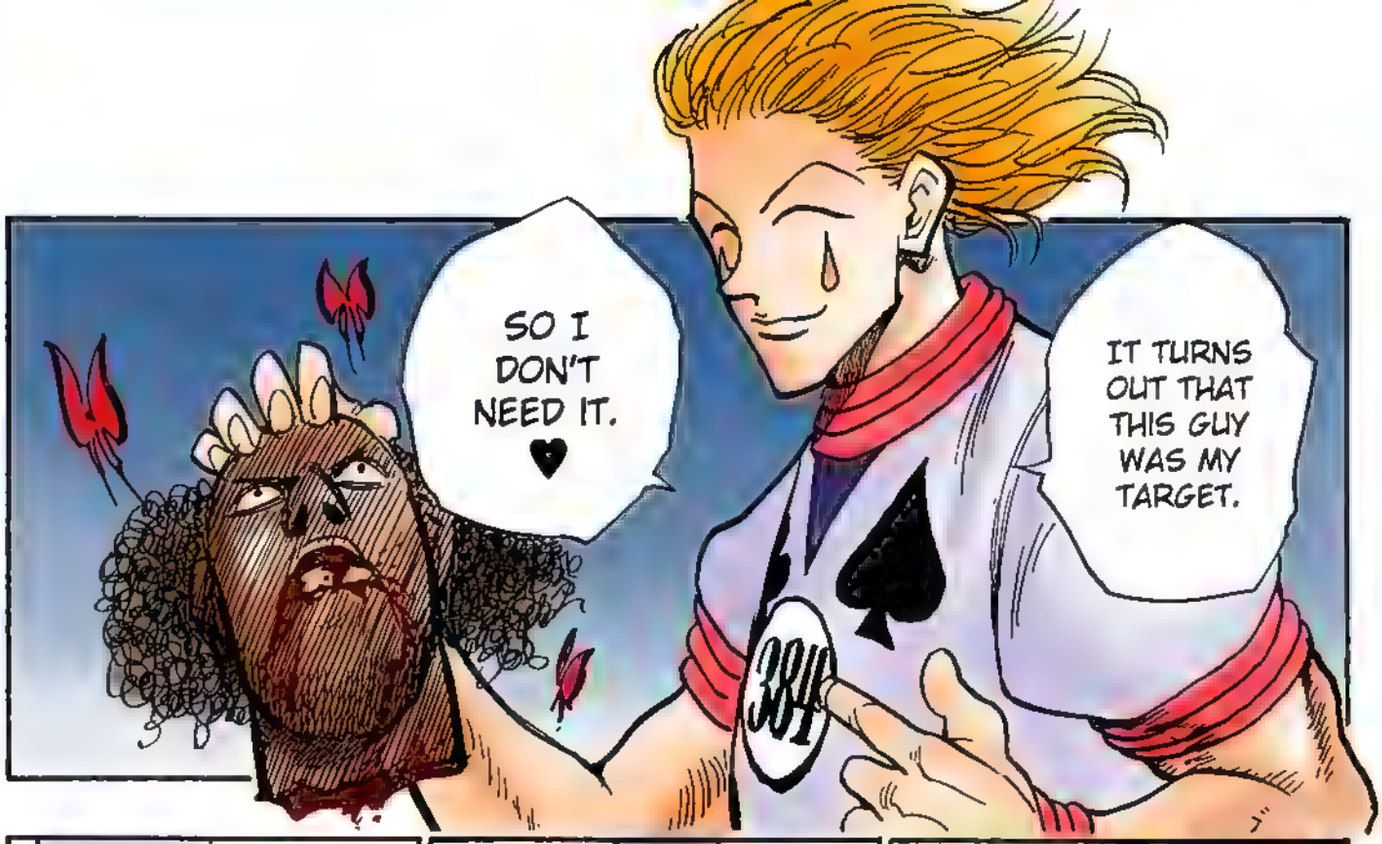



TRYING TO STRIKE AT ME WHILE I ATTACKED SOMEONE ELSE?
YOU HID YOUR PRESENCE WHILE WAITING FOR AN OPENING?


YOUR TIMING WAS PERFECT... YOU CONCEALED ALL YOUR TRACES OF BLOODLUST.
YOU MADE SURE TO BLEND IN FROM MINE, SO I WOULDN'T NOTICE. ♣
DID YOU TEACH YOURSELF A TECHNIQUE TO CONCEAL YOUR PRESENCE?
TRULY WONDERFUL. JUST LIKE A WILD ANIMAL. ♥


TRULY MARVELOUS. ♥


THERE ARE ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET YOURSELF UP IN NO TIME. ♦
THOSE DARTS OF HIS ARE ONLY POISONOUS TO RELAX THE MUSCLES. ♠
SO YOU'LL BE BACK ON YOUR FEET IN 10 DAYS. ♣
YOU DIDN'T COME BACK TO GET IT BACK?
I JUST CAME COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. ♥
THE BADGE...
WAIT...


SO I DON'T NEED IT. ♥
IT TURNS OUT THAT THIS GUY WAS MY TARGET.
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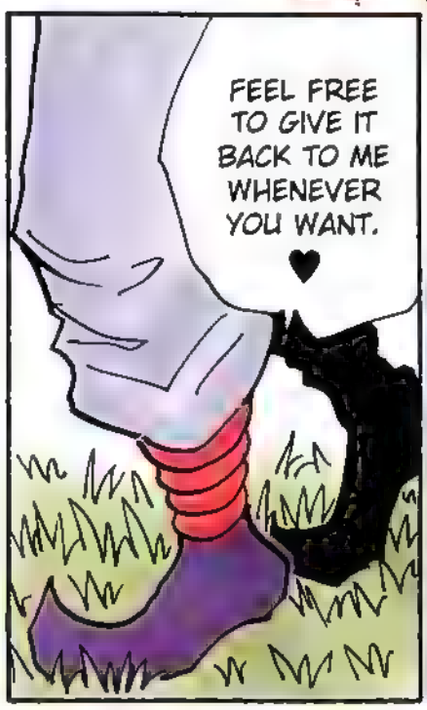
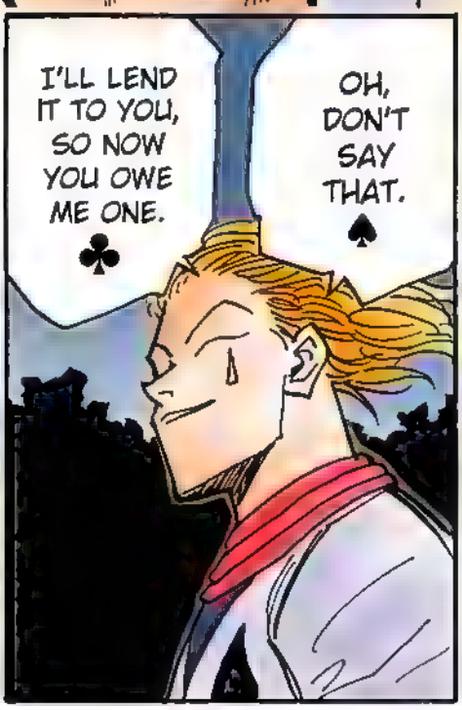
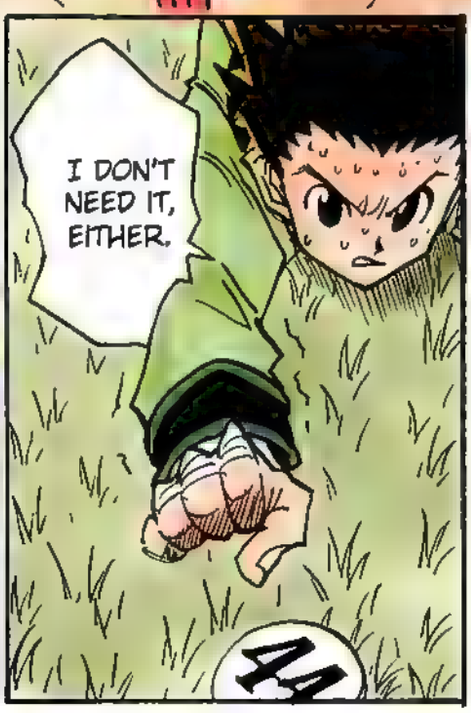

FEEL FREE TO GIVE IT BACK TO ME WHENEVER YOU WANT. ♥


I'LL LEND IT TO YOU, SO NOW YOU OWE ME ONE. ♣
OH, DON'T SAY THAT. ♠


I DON'T NEED IT, EITHER.
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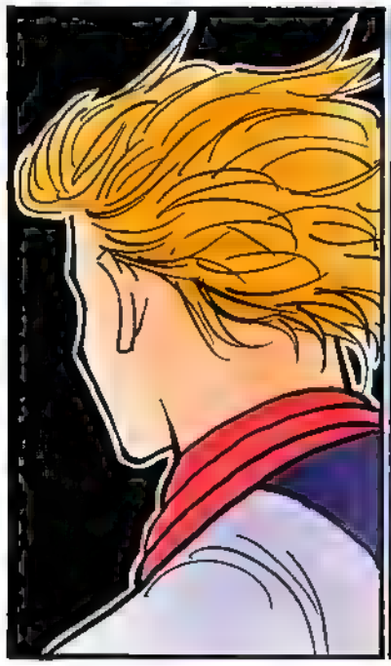

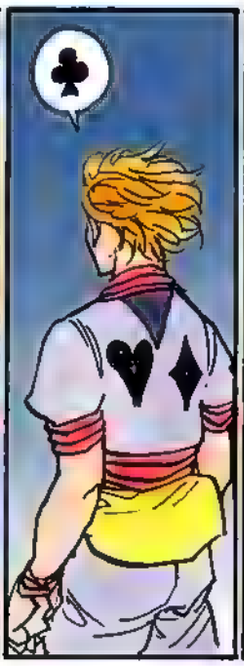
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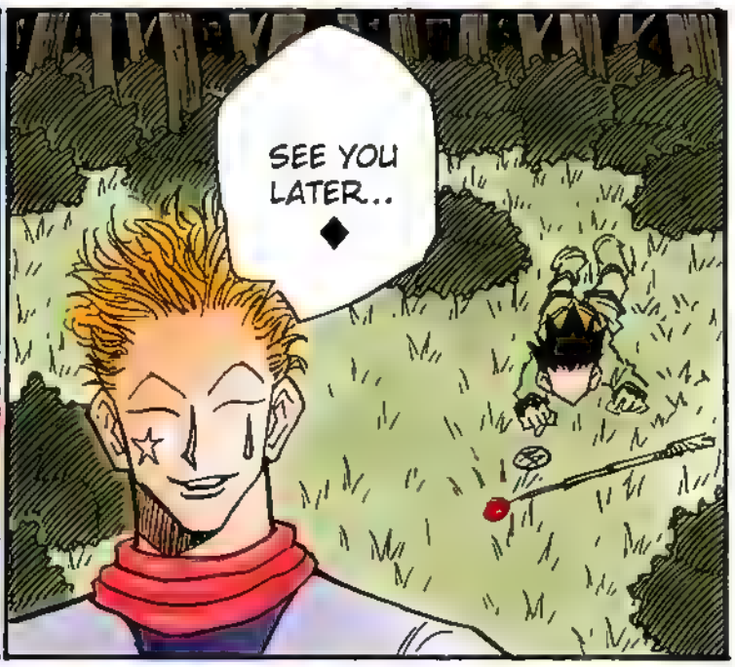
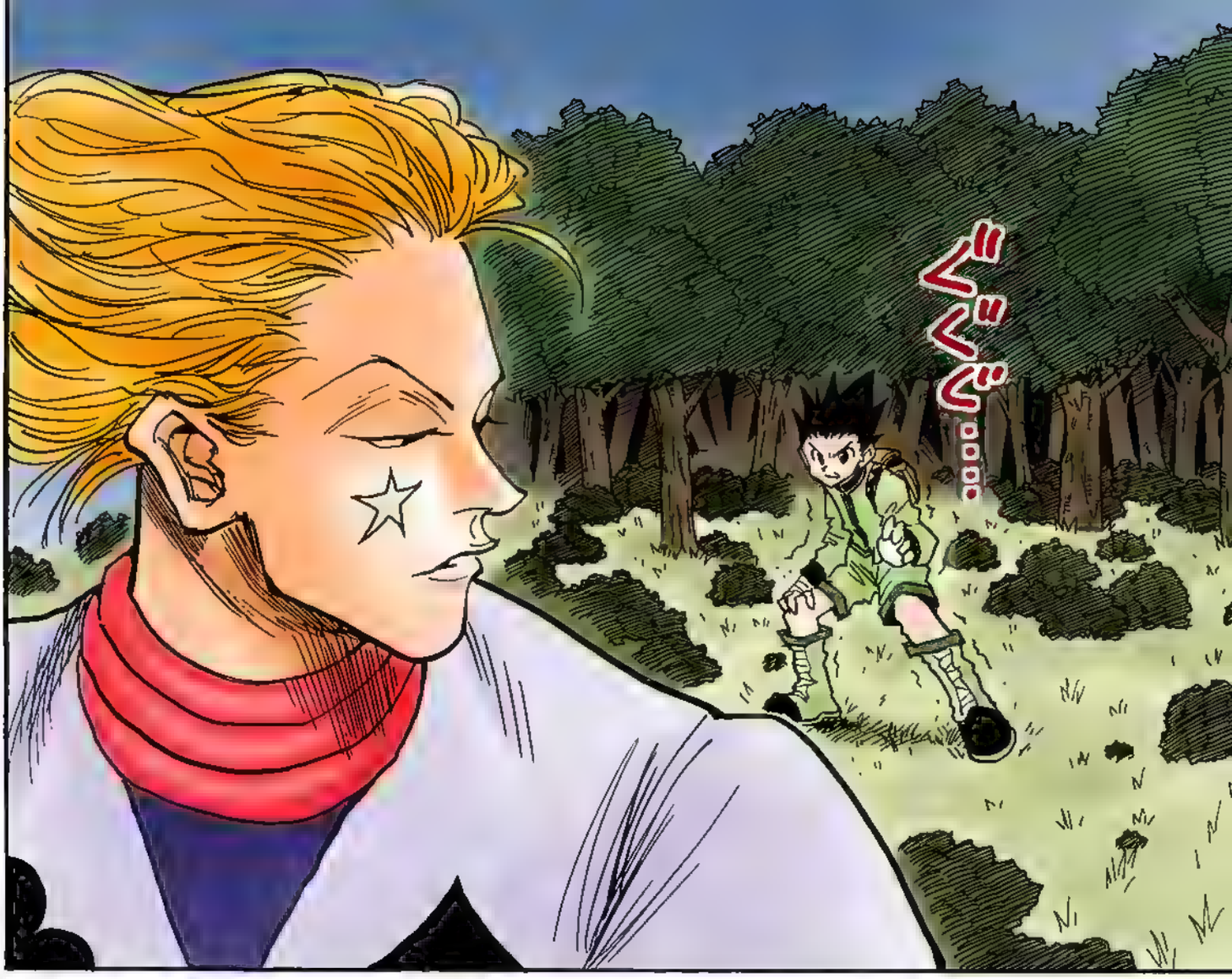

SEE YOU LATER.. ◆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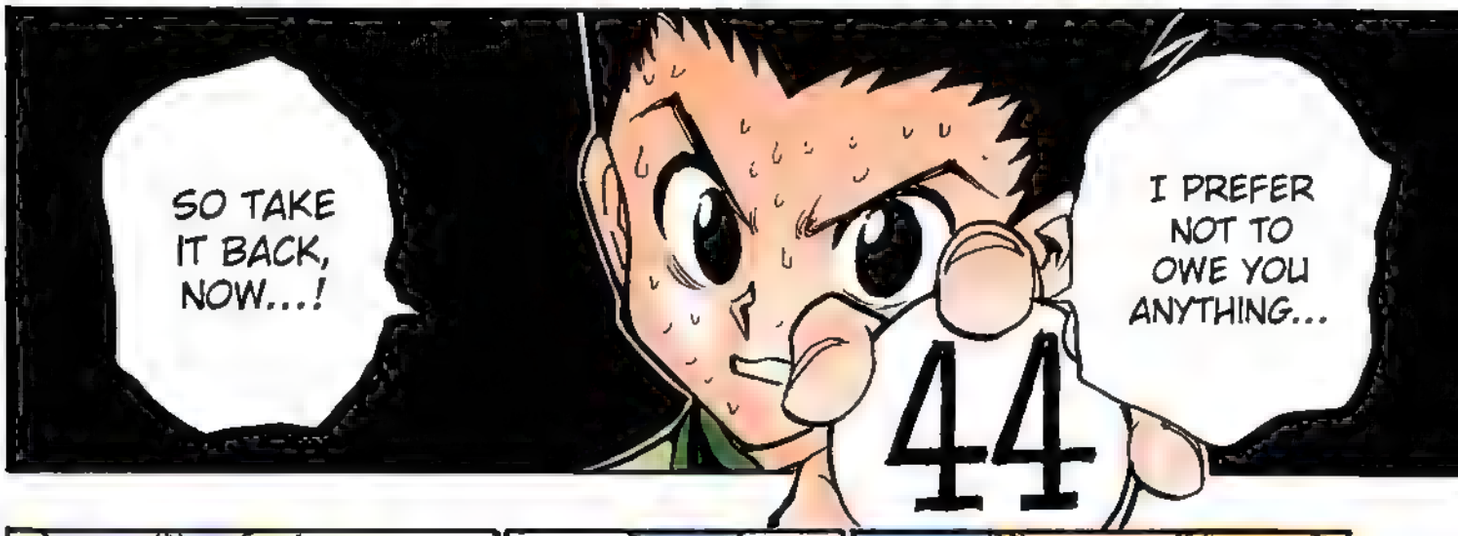
SO TAKE IT BACK, NOW...!
I PREFER NOT TO OWE YOU ANYTHING...
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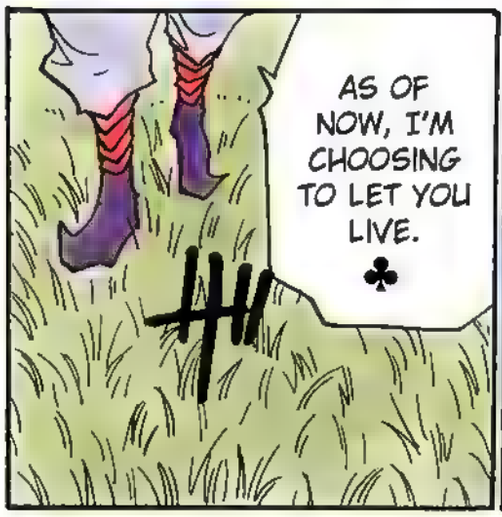
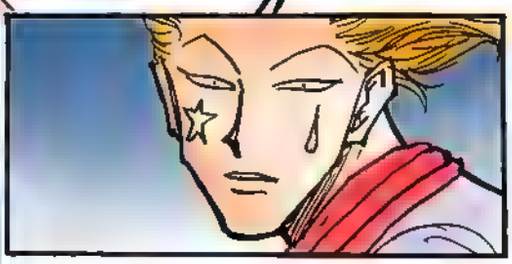
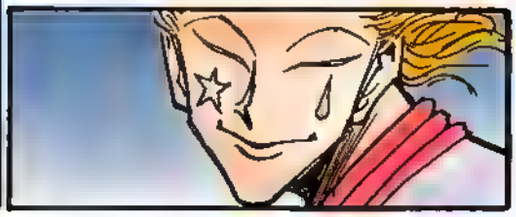
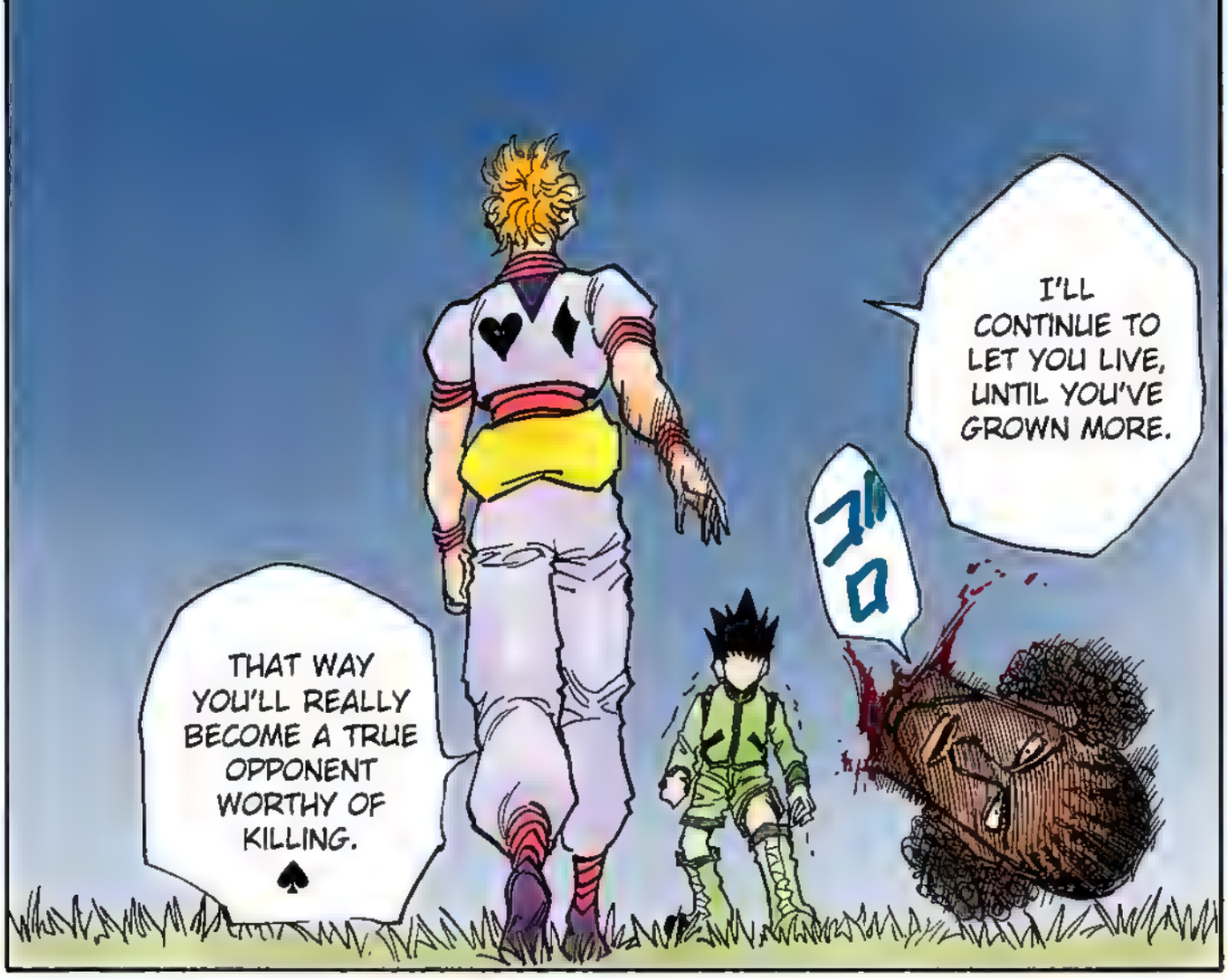

AS OF NOW, I'M CHOOSING TO LET YOU LIVE. ♣

I REFUSE. ♠
HEH HEH HEH






THAT WAY YOU'LL REALLY BECOME A TRUE OPPONENT WORTHY OF KILLING.
I'LL CONTINUE TO LET YOU LIVE, UNTIL YOU'VE GROWN MORE.
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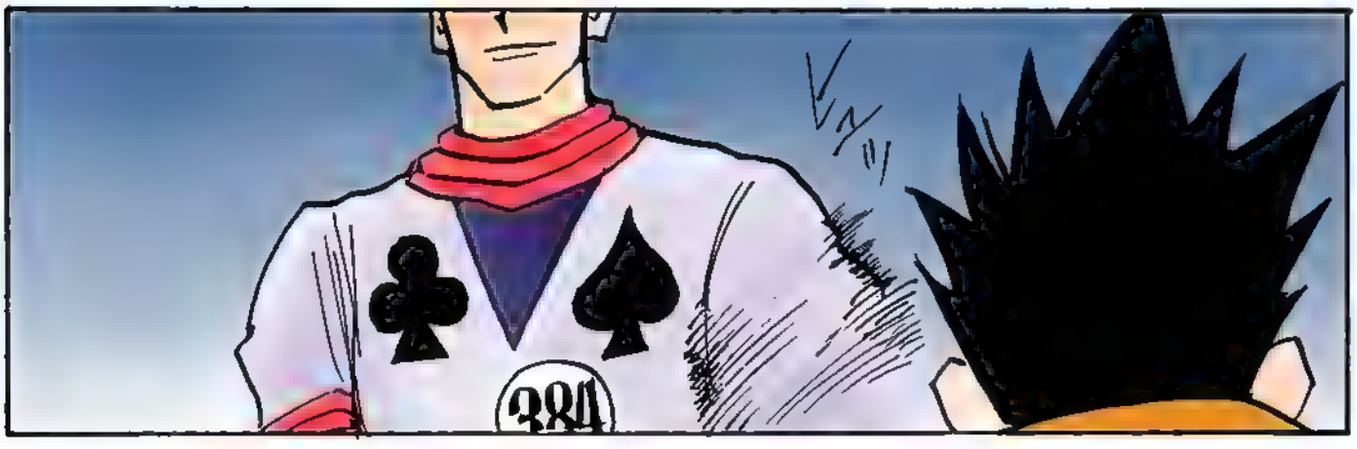
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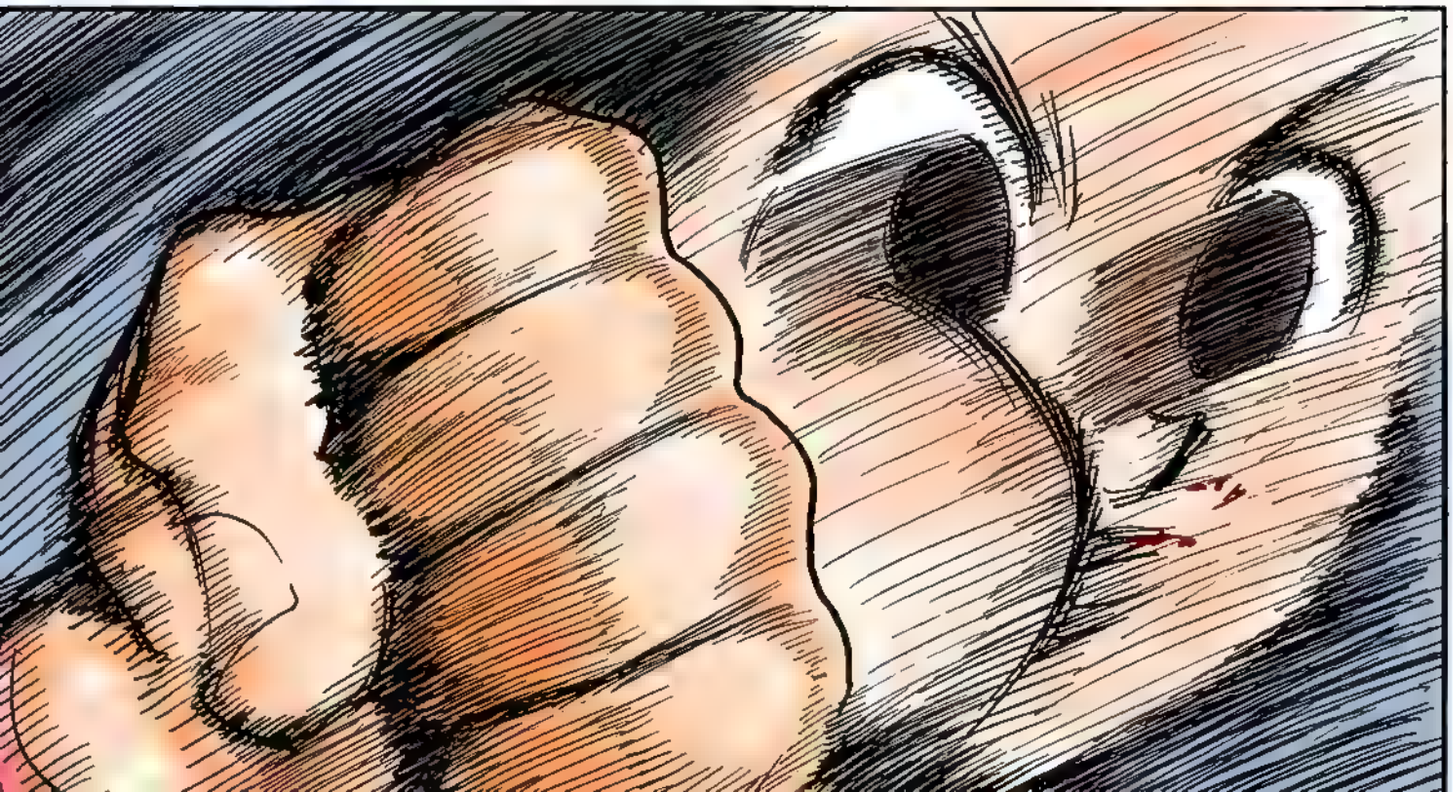
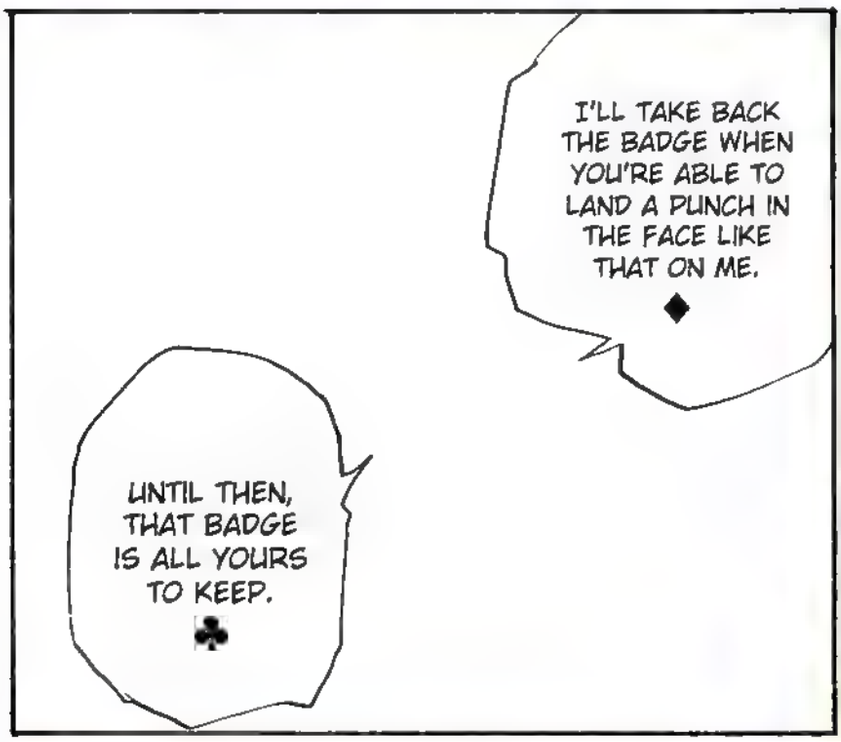
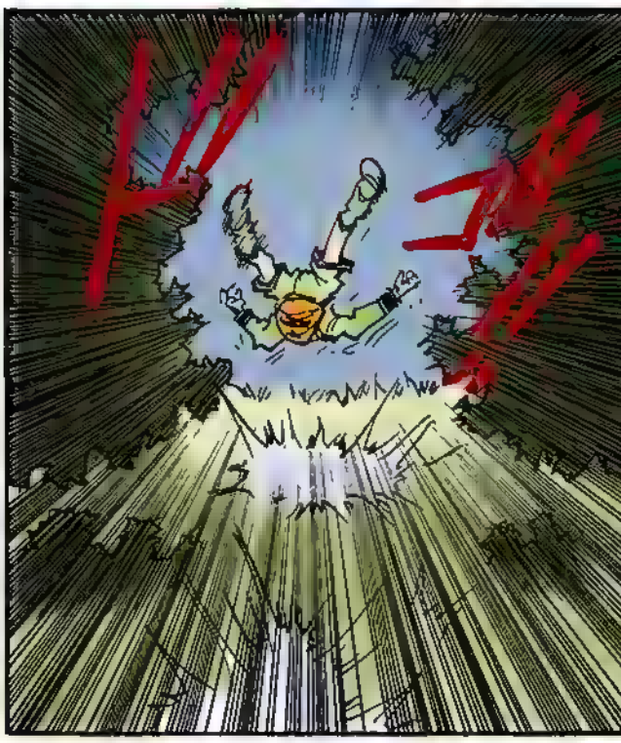
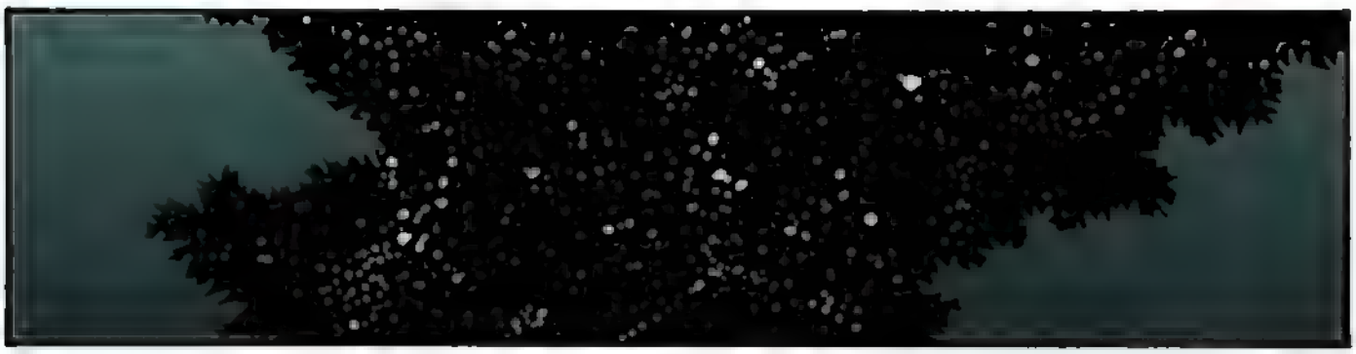
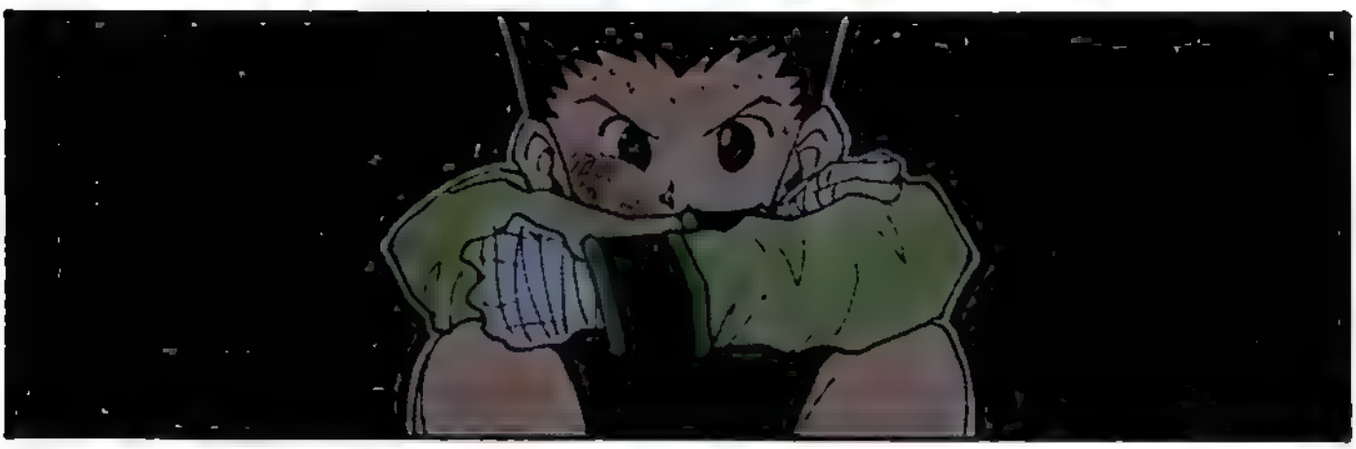
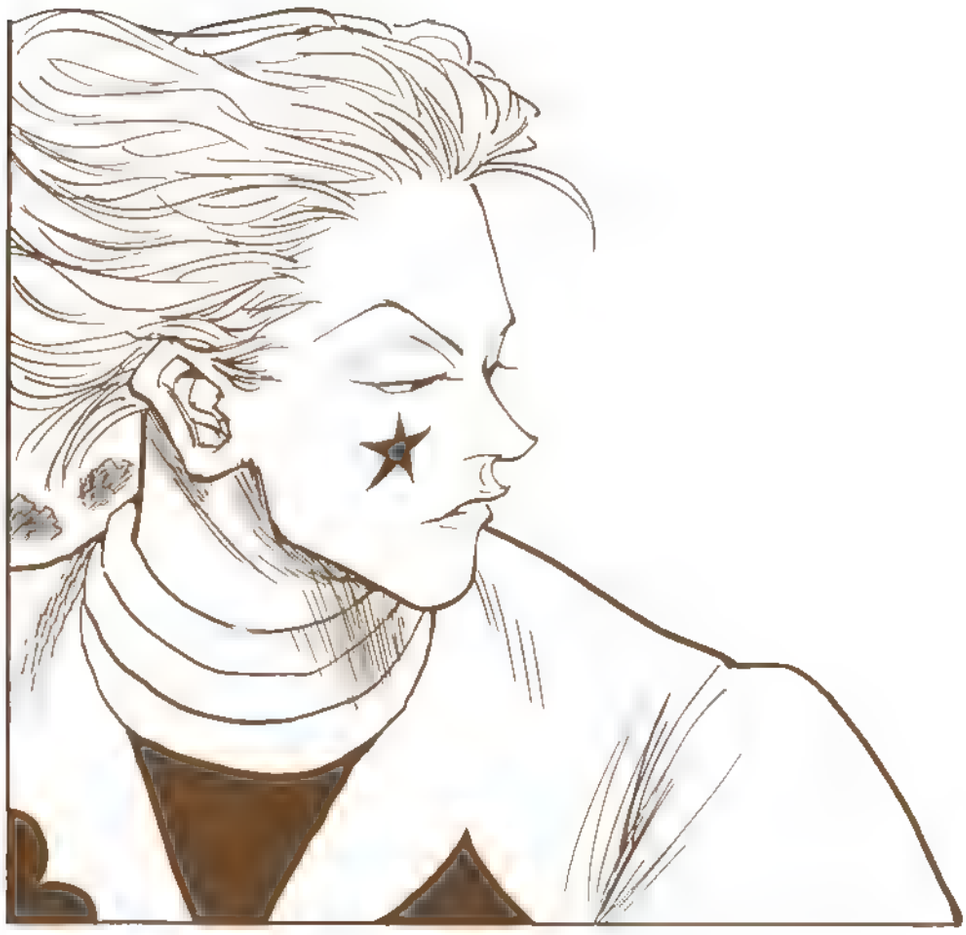


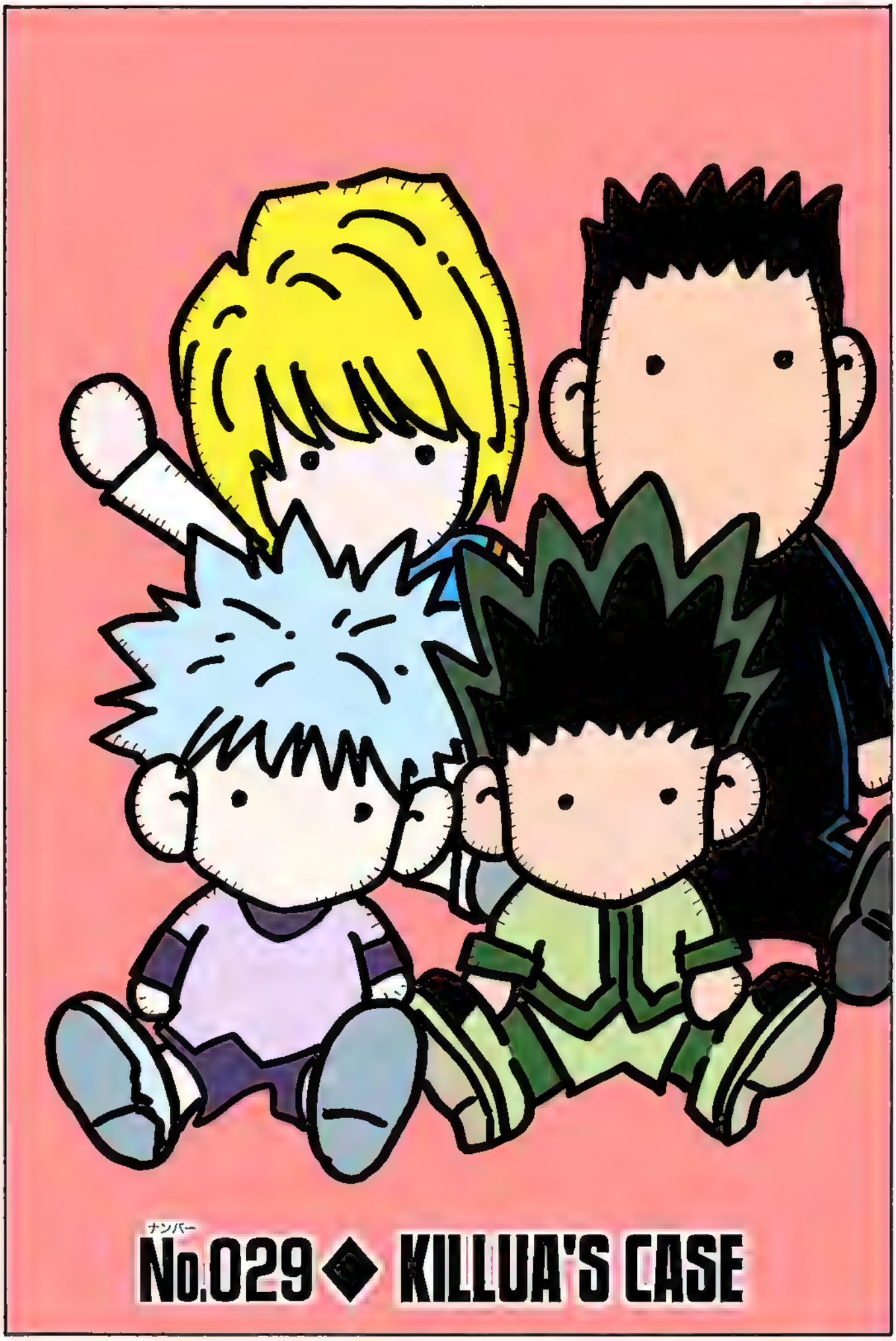

I'LL TAKE BACK THE BADGE WHEN YOU'RE ABLE TO LAND A PUNCH IN THE FACE LIKE THAT ON ME. ◆
UNTIL THEN, THAT BADGE IS ALL YOURS TO KEEP. ♣











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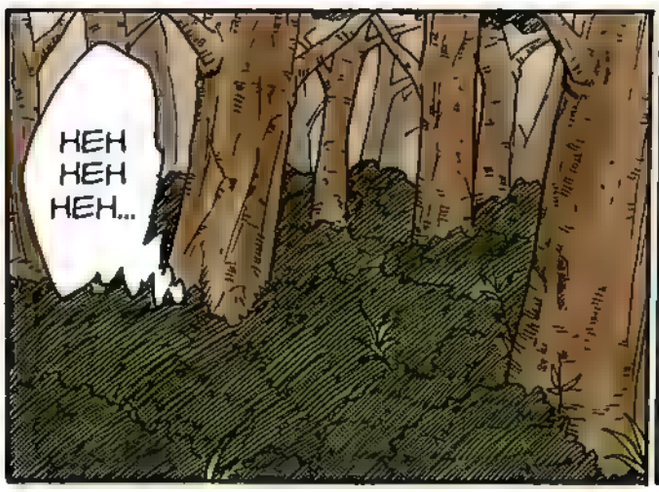
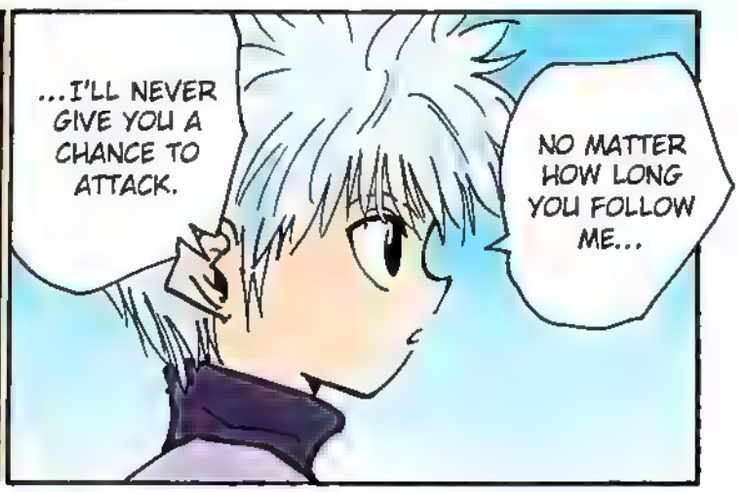
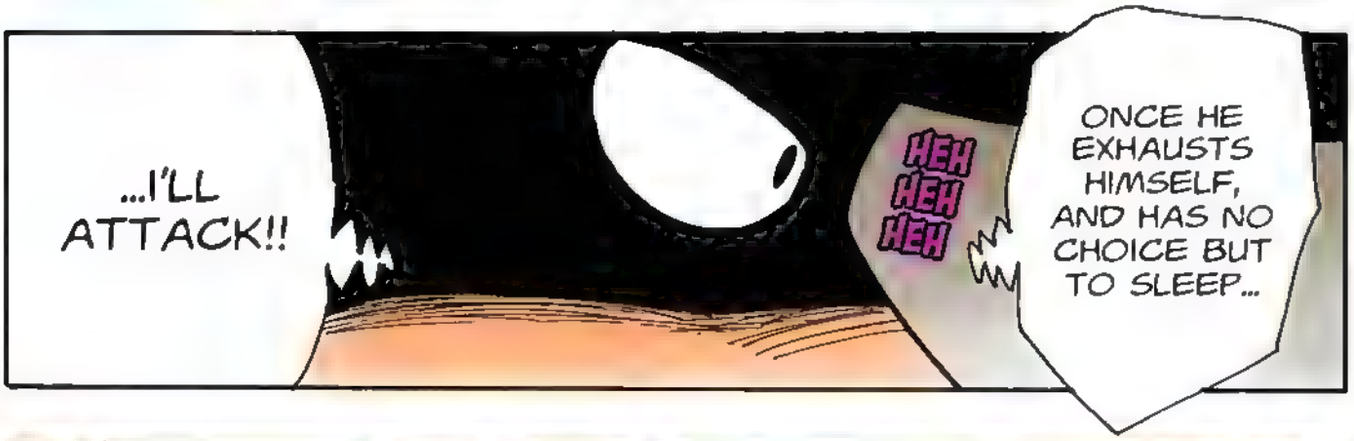
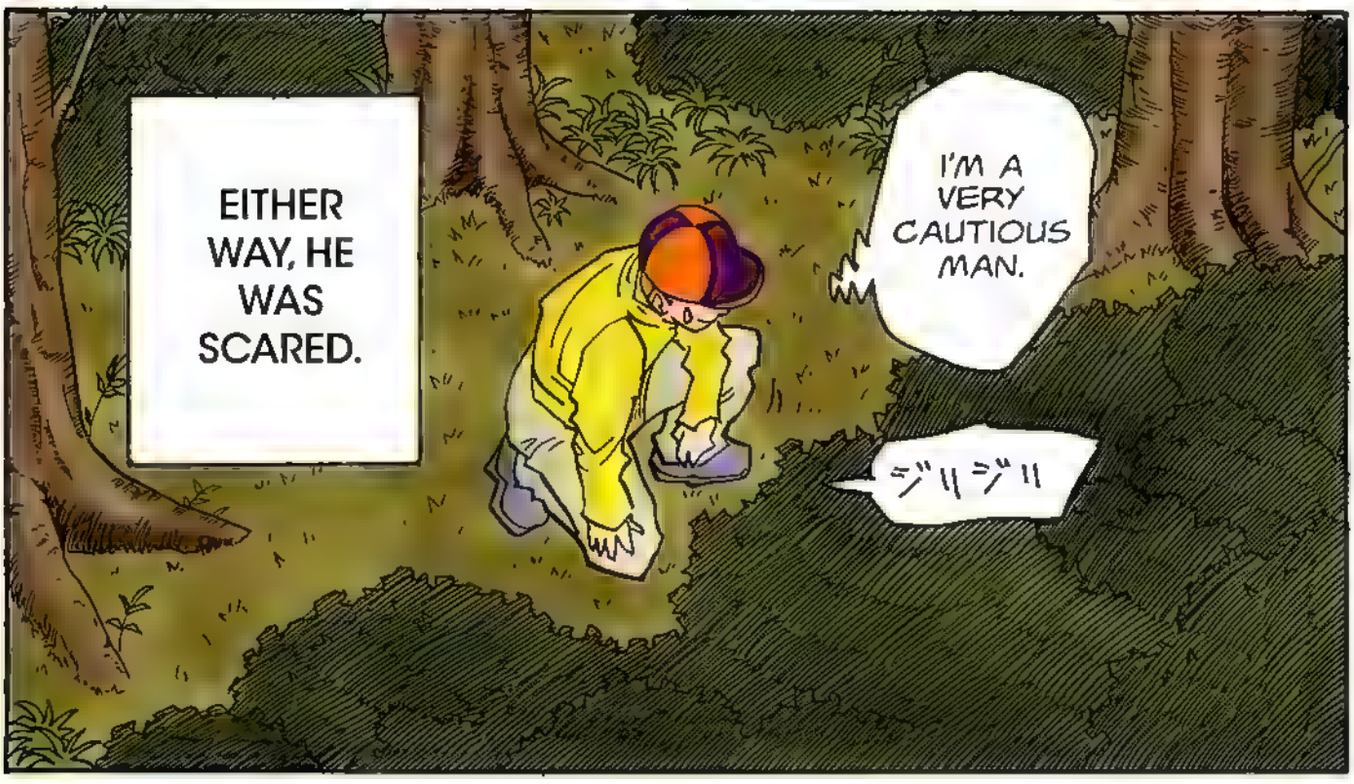
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.


HEH HEH HEH...


...I'LL NEVER GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO ATTACK.
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU FOLLOW ME...

I AM A VERY CAUTIOUS MAN.
I'LL GO TO ANY LENGTHS NECESSARY, EVEN WHEN FACING A KID.
WEAR YOUR-SELF OUT.
BE VERY AFRAID.


...I'LL ATTACK!!
HEH HEH HEH
ONCE HE EXHAUSTS HIMSELF, AND HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SLEEP...


EITHER WAY, HE WAS SCARED.
I'M A VERY CAUTIOUS MAN.
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IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA COME OUT, I'LL COME TO YOU.

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EVEN IF I TAKE YOU OUT, YOU'RE PROBABLY ONLY WORTH 1 POINT.

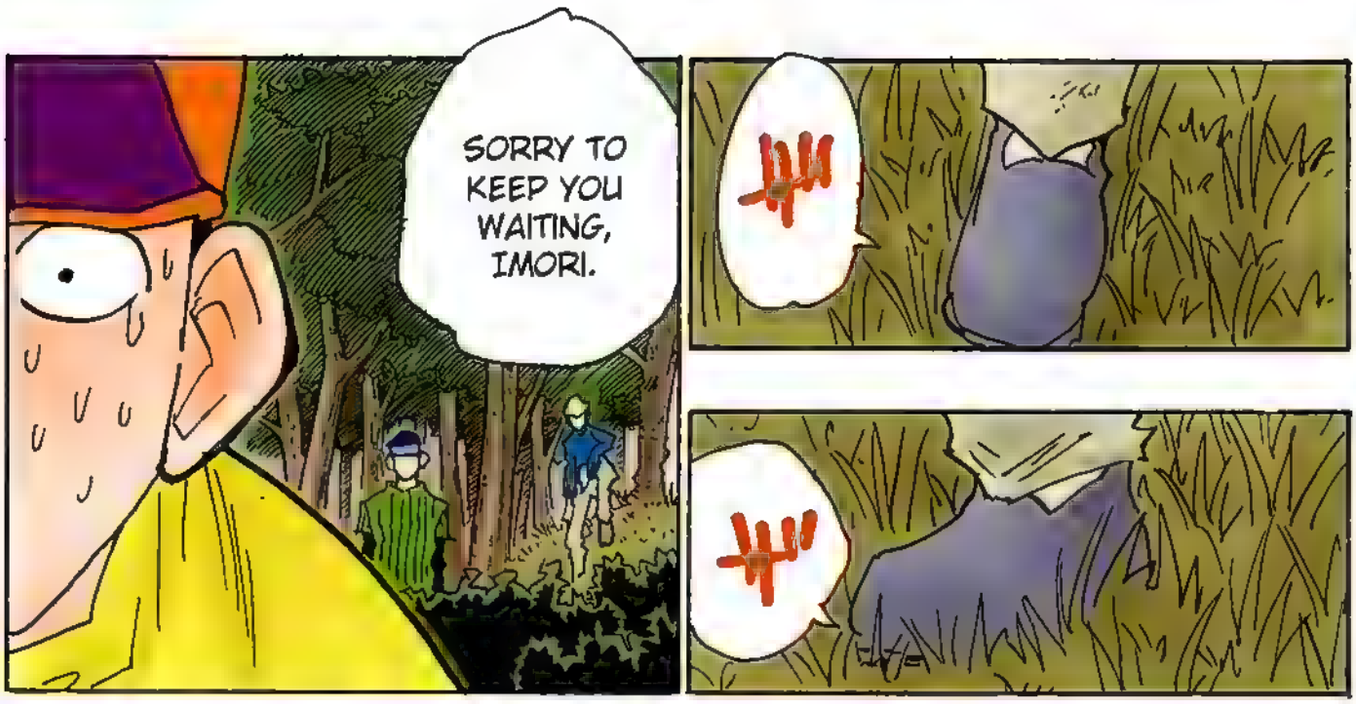
WHAT A PAIN...

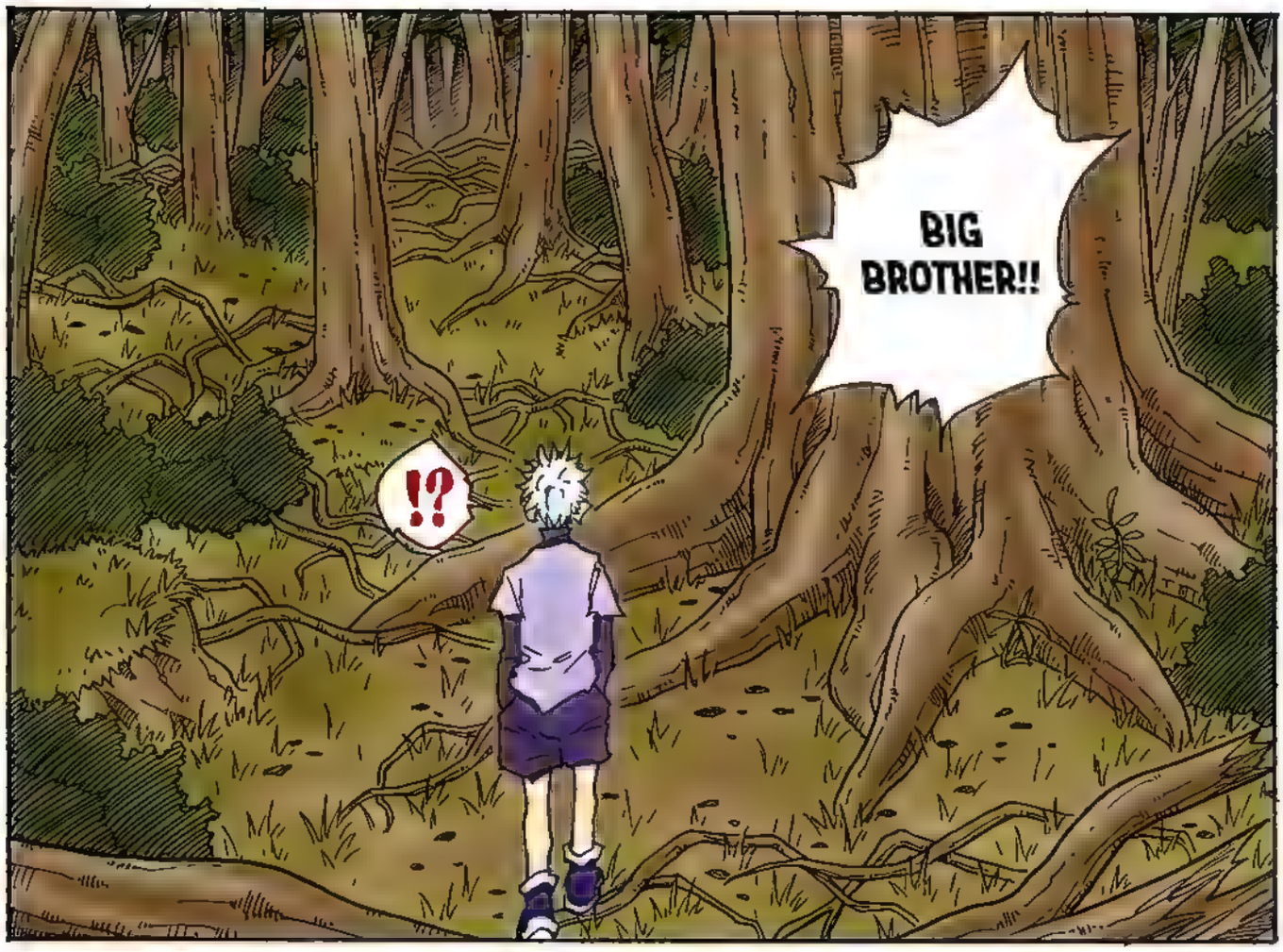
WAIT, I'M A VERY CAUTIOUS GUY! I SHOULD ESCAPE... I MEAN, I SHOULD RETREAT!

NOW WHAT?! FIGHT HIM?! I CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE, RIGHT? HE'S JUST A KID.

...IF I GO BACK WITHOUT TAKING THIS KID'S BADGE, THEY'LL DEFINITELY YELL AT ME!! ARGH!!

BUT, MY OLDER BROTHERS WILL YELL AT ME!! ACTUALLY...


SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, IMORI.


BIG BROTHER!!
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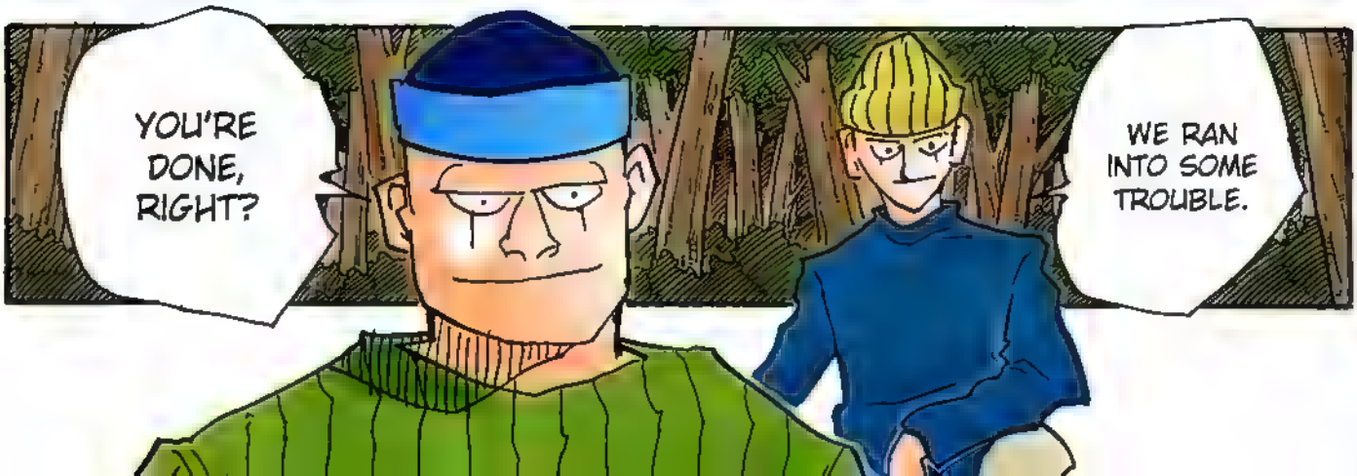
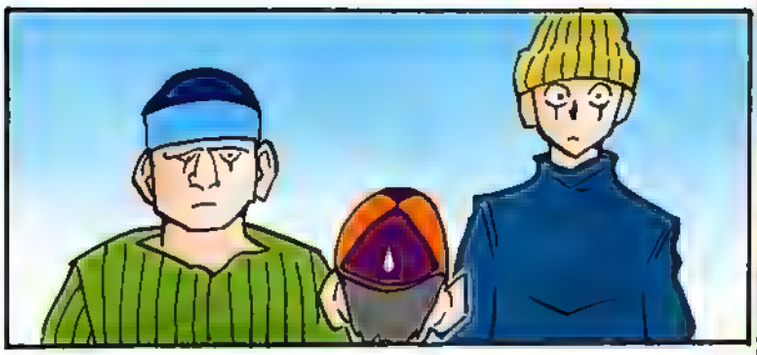
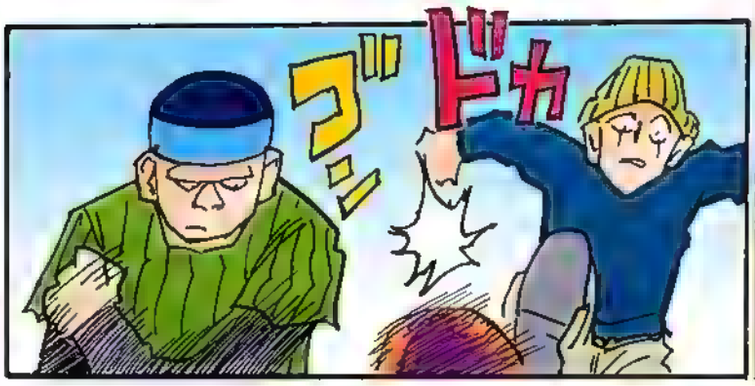

YOU'RE DONE, RIGHT?
WE RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE.

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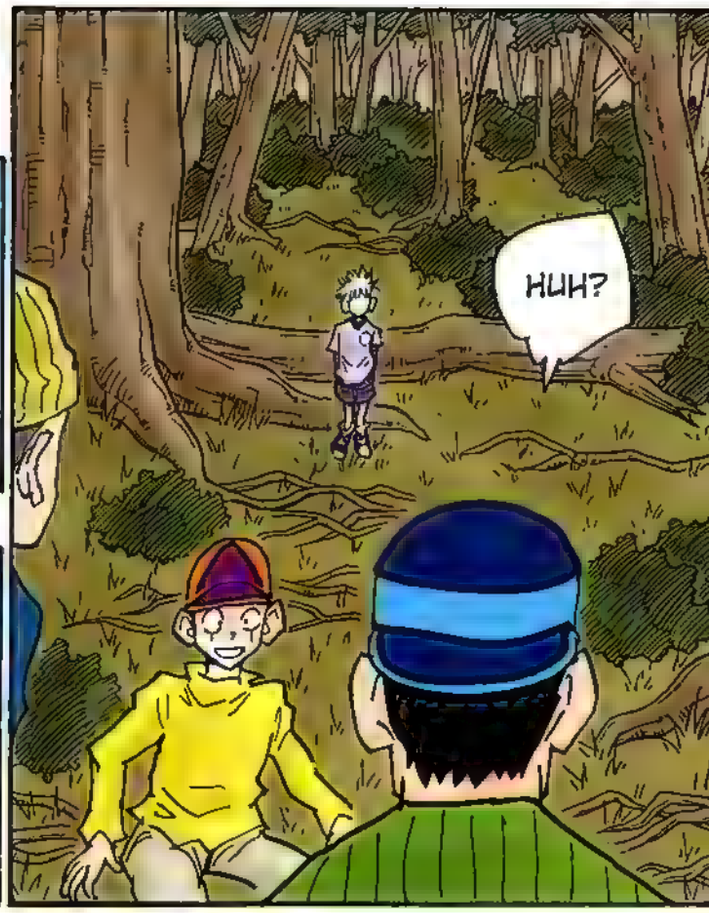
HUH?

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, BIG BROTHER AMO!
YOU CAN'T EVEN BEAT A LITTLE KID WITHOUT US!!
YOU IMBECILE!

WAIT-WAIT! F-FINE.
YOU'RE LYING...

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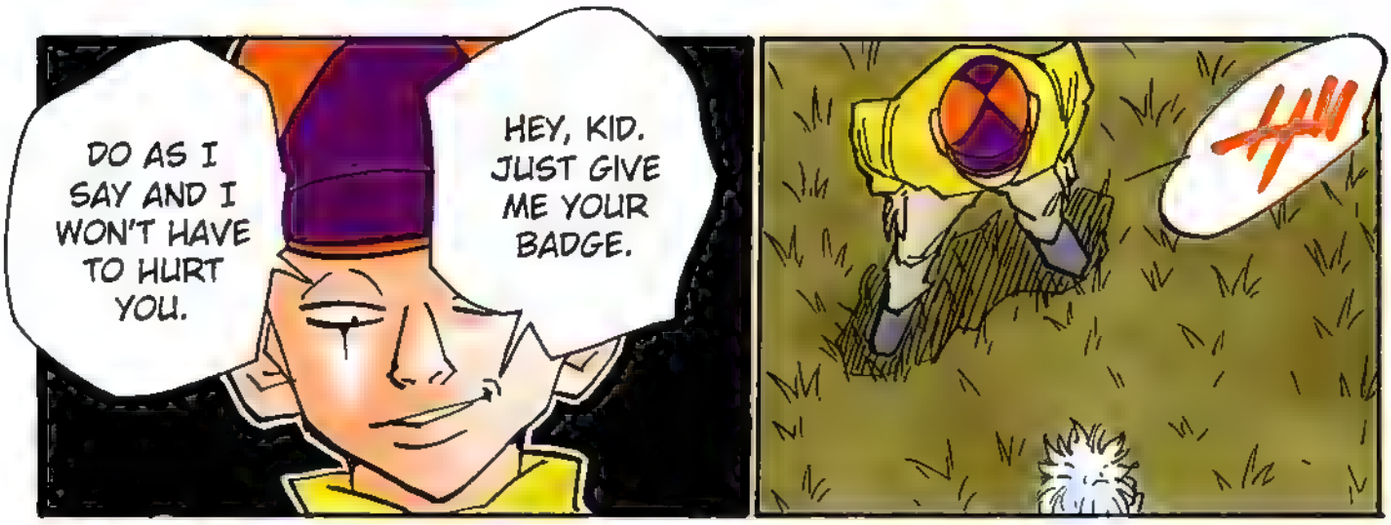
HERE I GO.
HEE HEE
IF YOU INSIST, THAT LEAVES ME NO CHOICE. TIME FOR THE BEAT DOWN.

SO I FIGURED I'D TAKE HIM ON WHILE HE SLEPT.
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT A LITTLE KID.


DO AS I SAY AND I WON'T HAVE TO HURT YOU.
HEY, KID. JUST GIVE ME YOUR BADGE.
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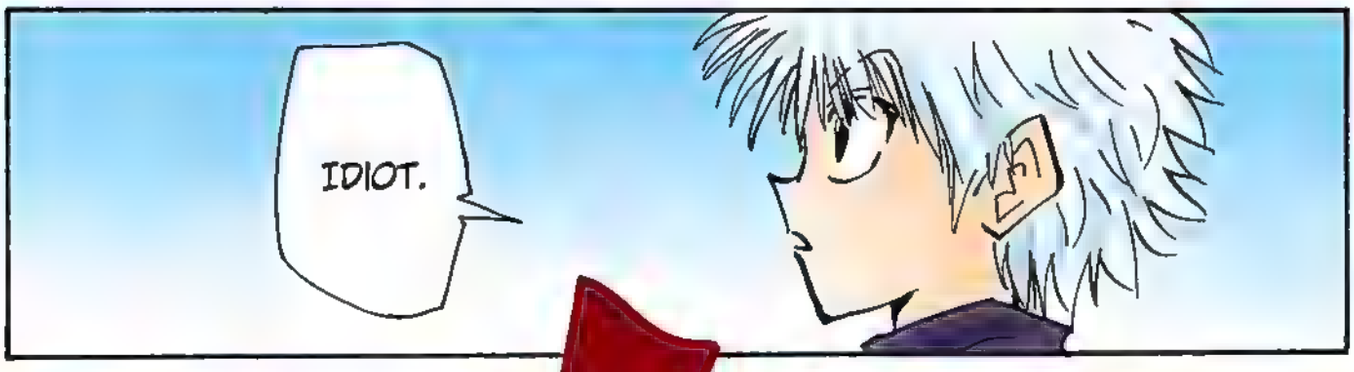
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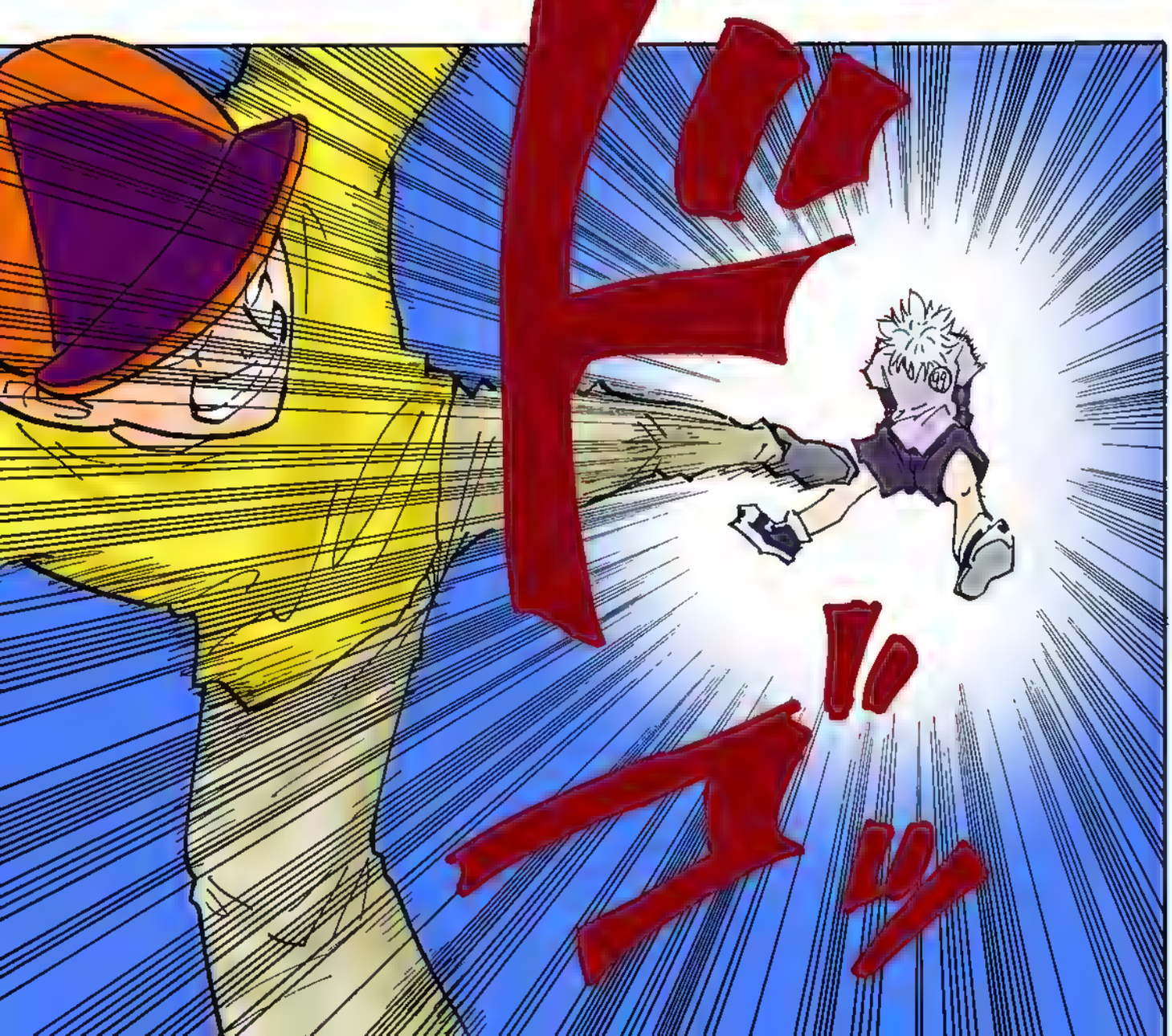

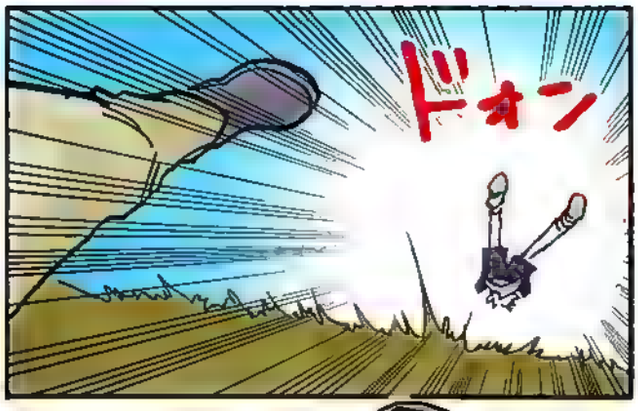
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...DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU.
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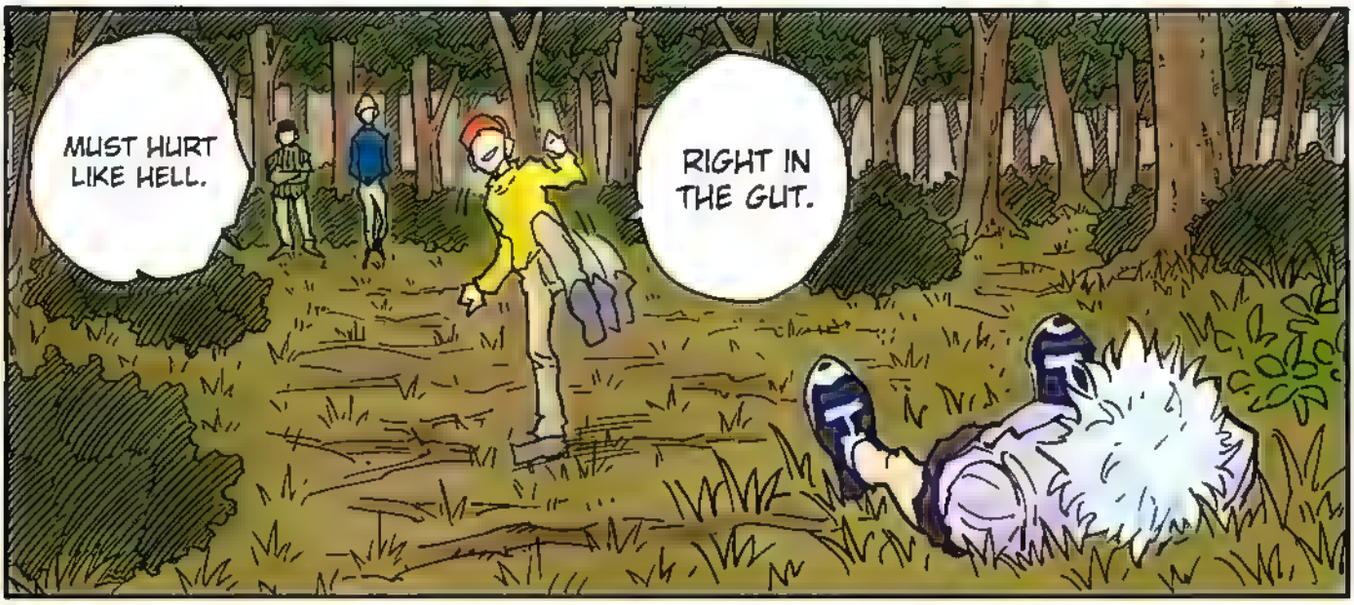
MUST HURT LIKE HELL.
RIGHT IN THE GUT.

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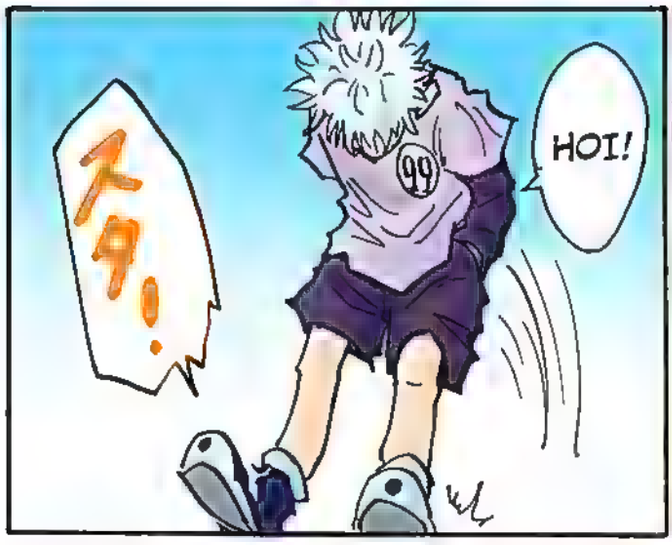
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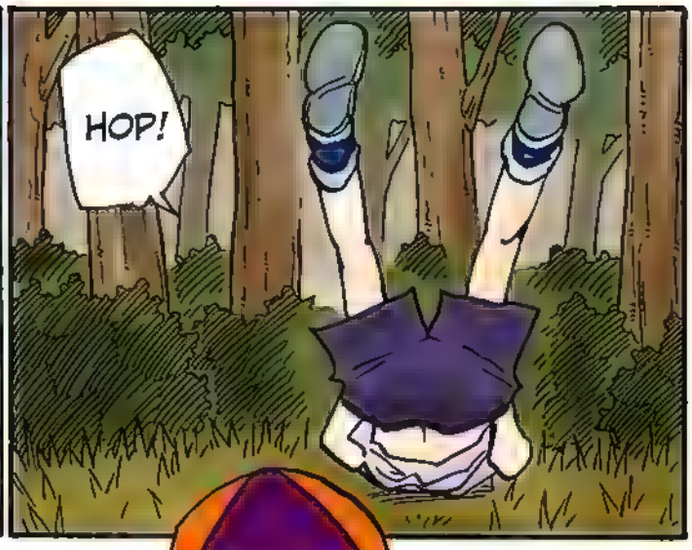
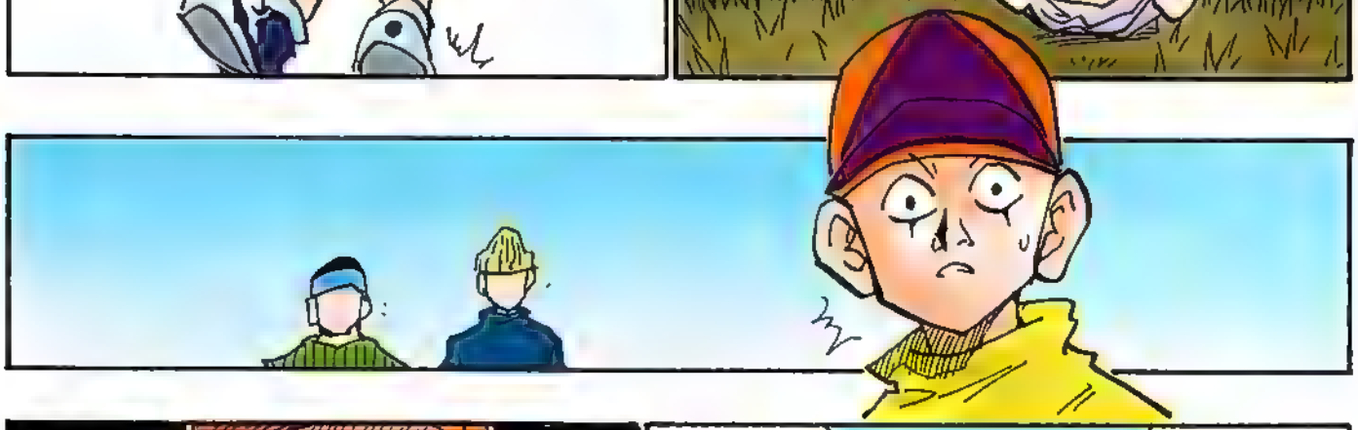
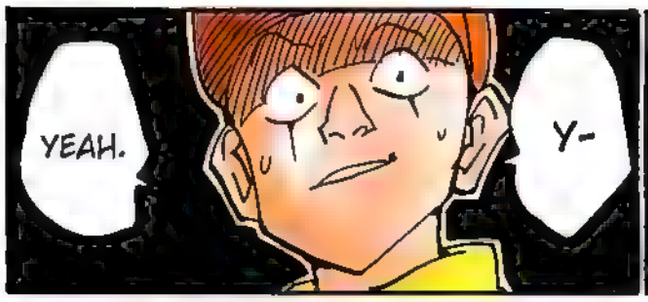
HOI!


HOP!

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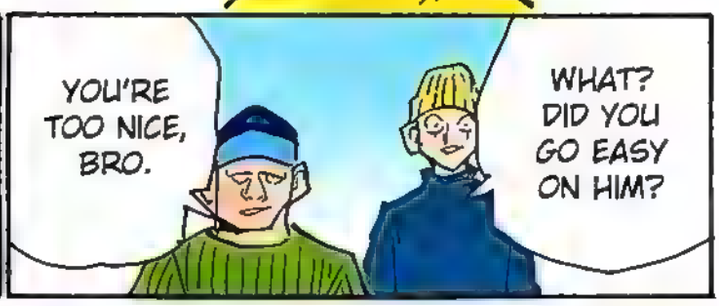
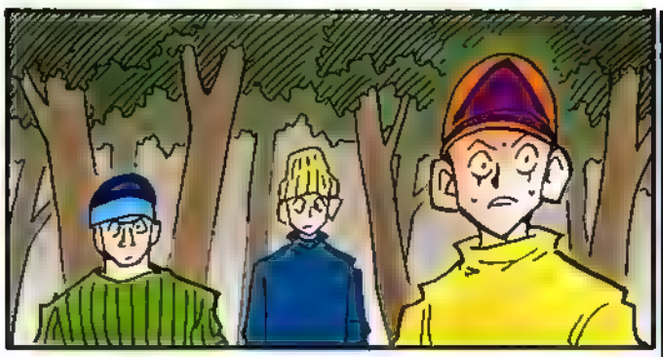
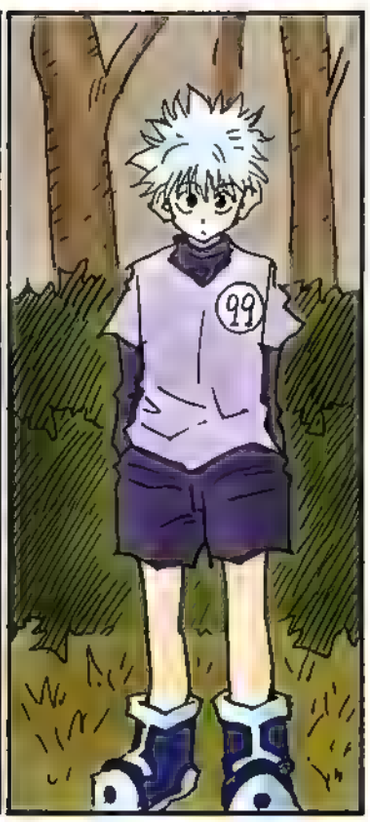
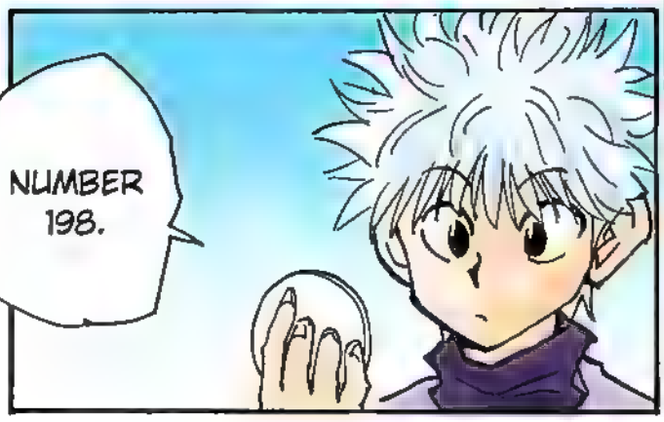

YOU'RE TOO NICE, BRO.
WHAT? DID YOU GO EASY ON HIM?



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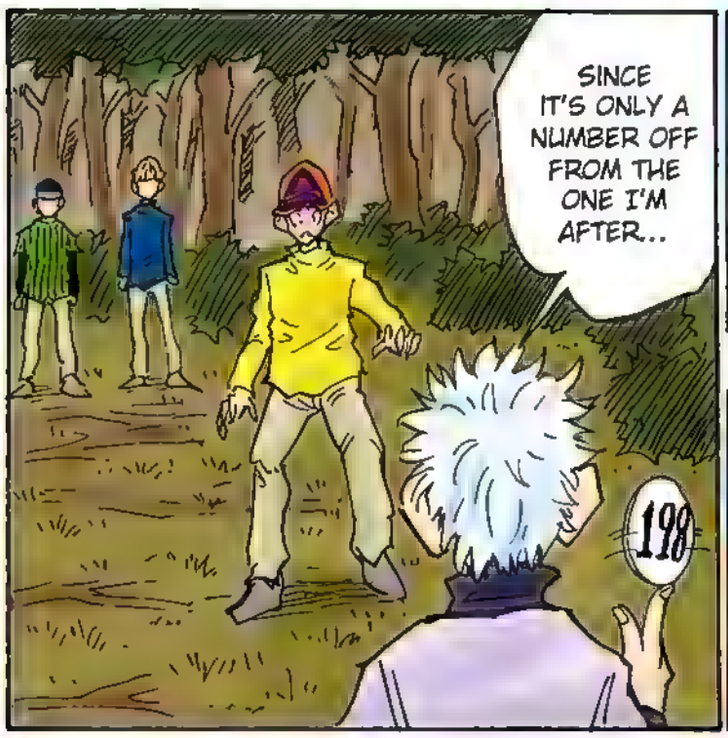
SINCE IT'S ONLY A NUMBER OFF FROM THE ONE I'M AFTER...
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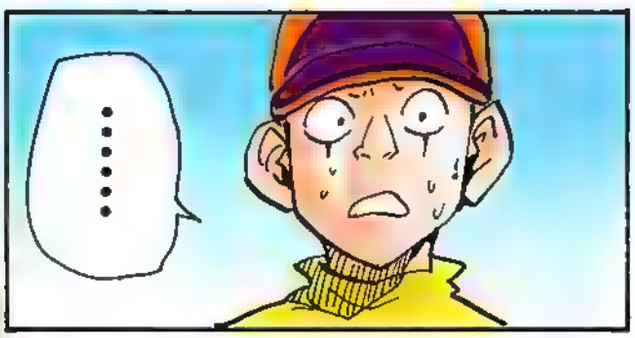
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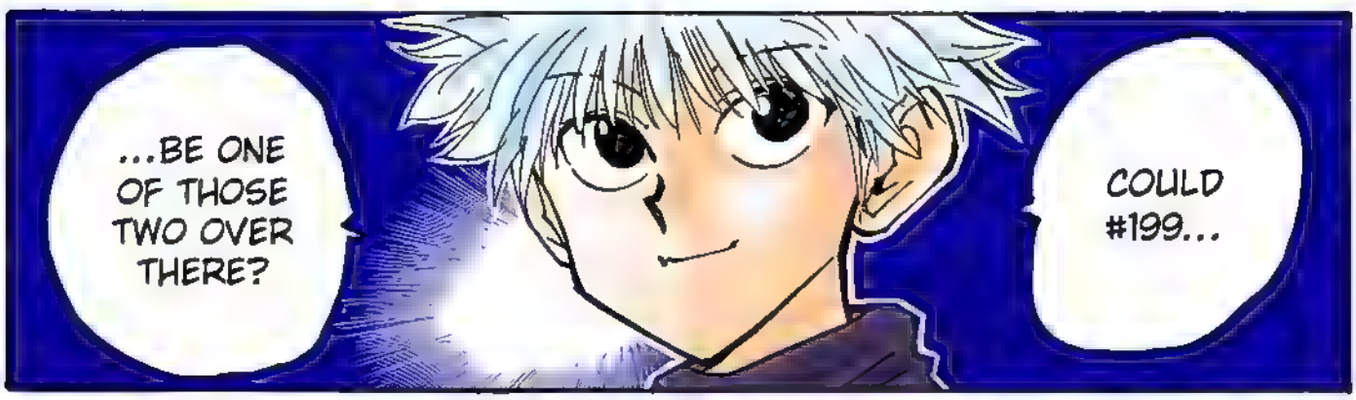
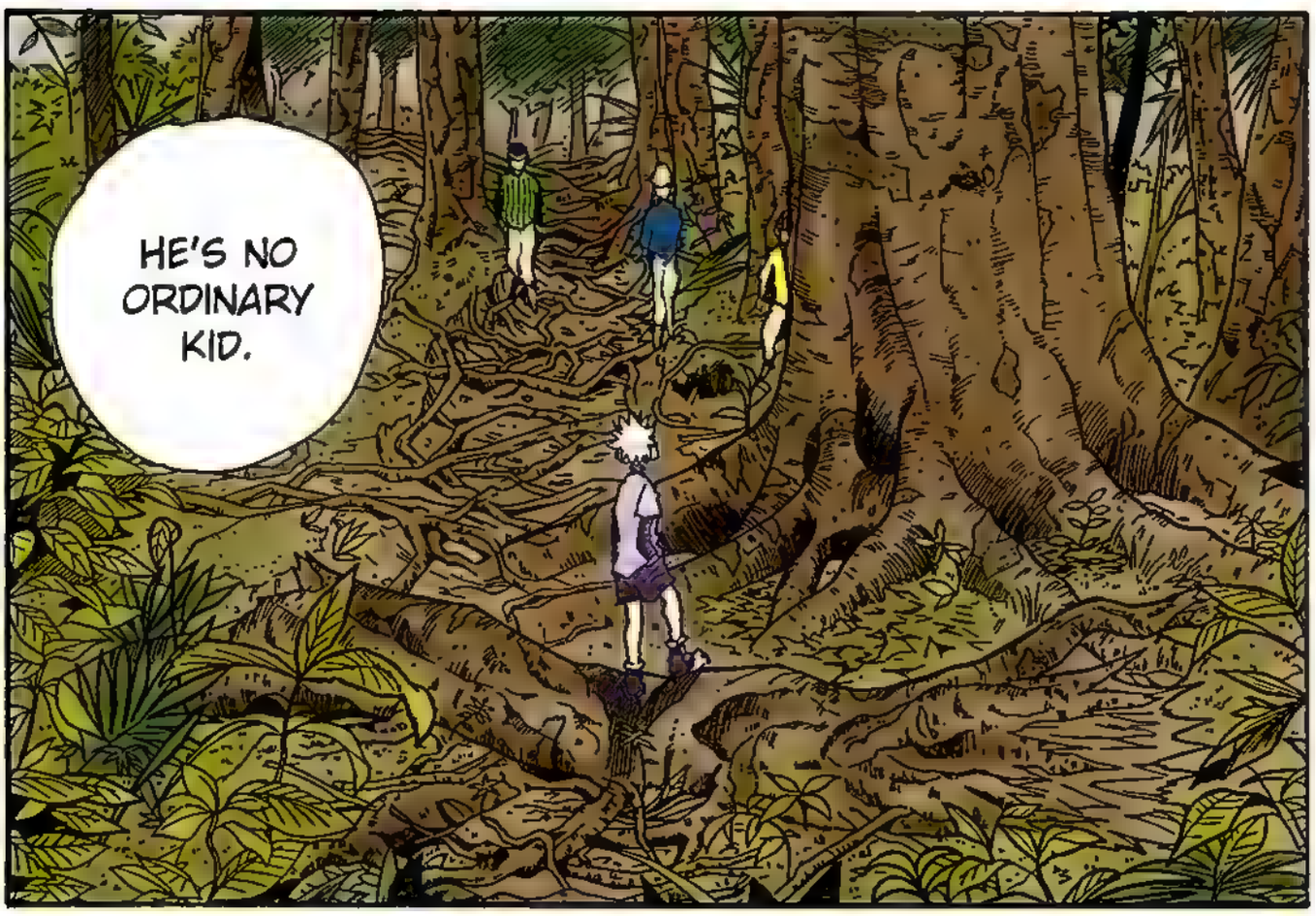
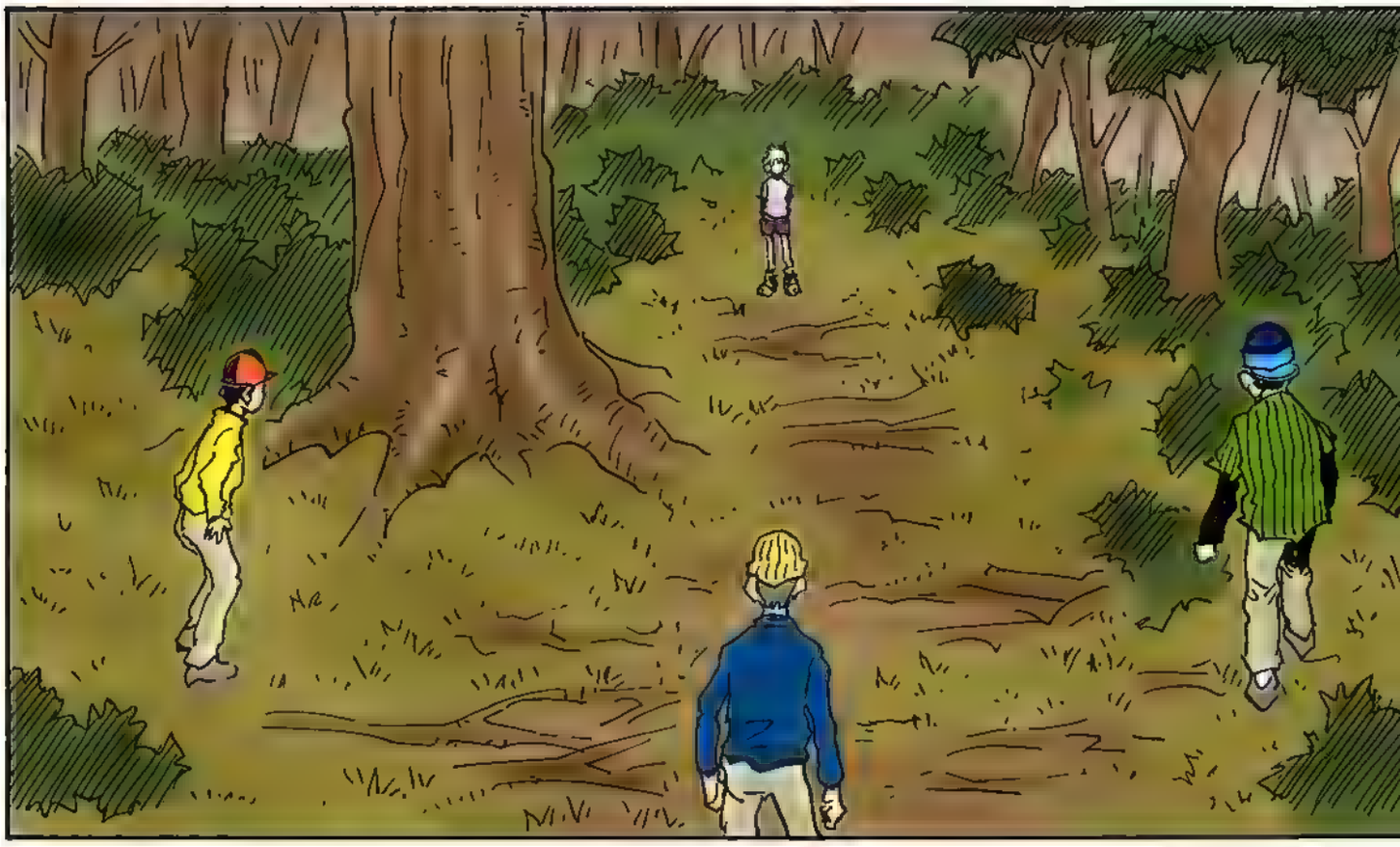
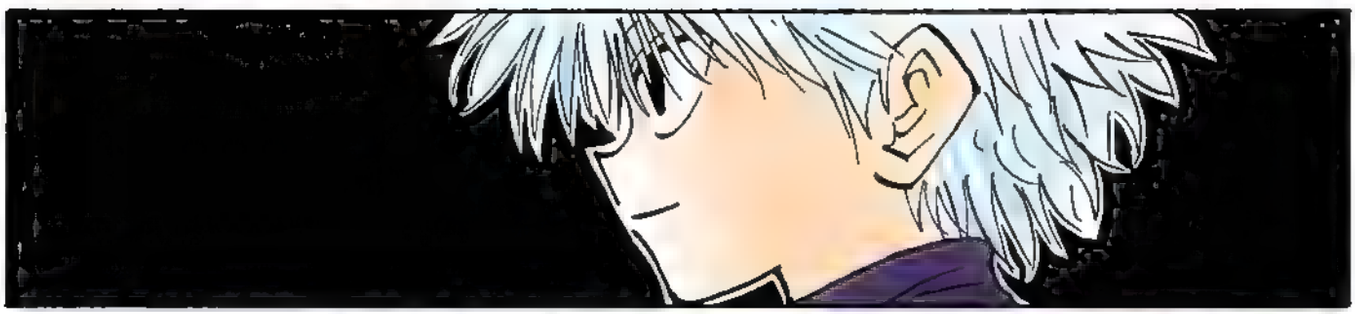

...BE ONE OF THOSE TWO OVER THERE?
COULD #199...

TIME TO GET SERIOUS.
UMORI, GET IN FORMATION.


HE'S NO ORDINARY KID.





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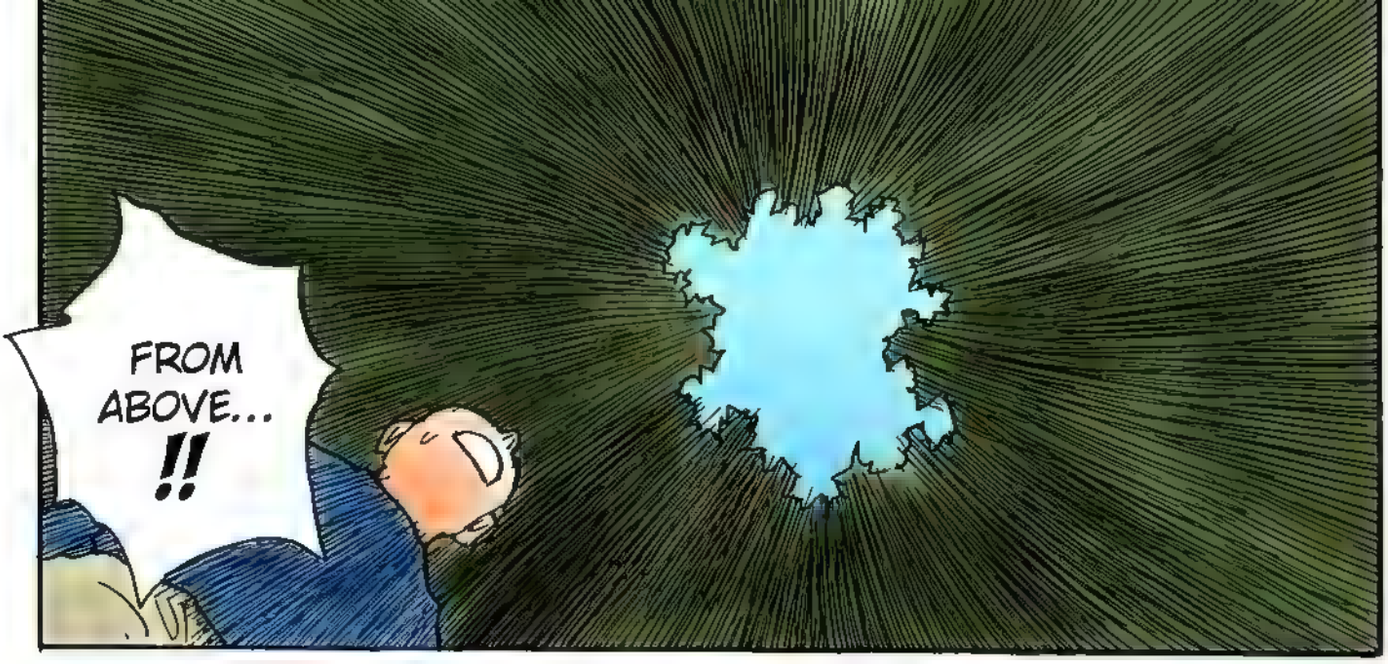
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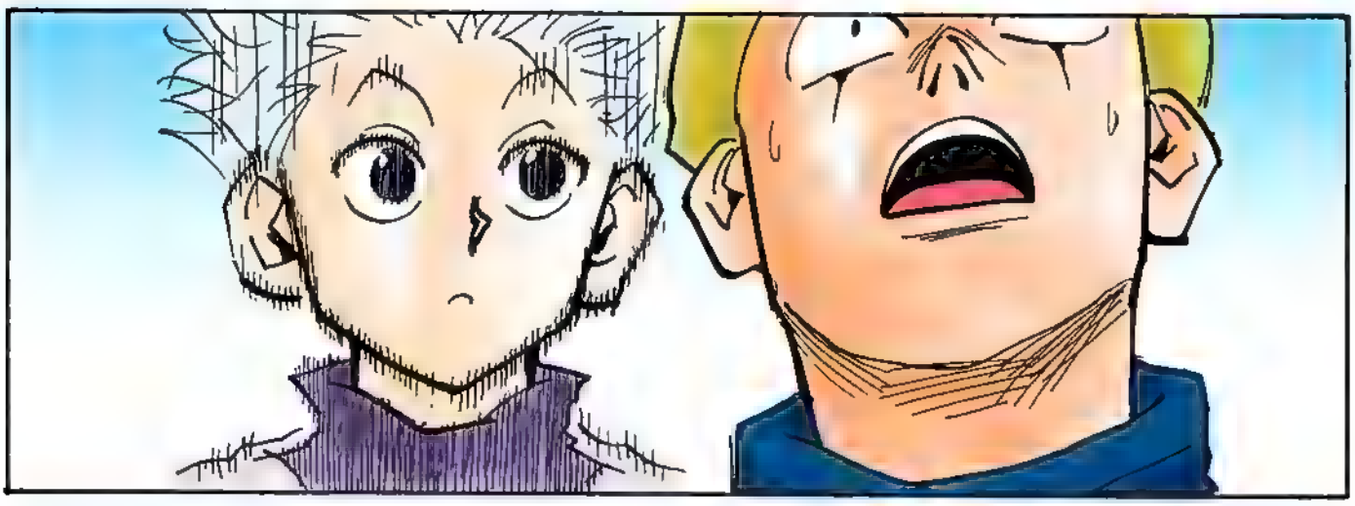

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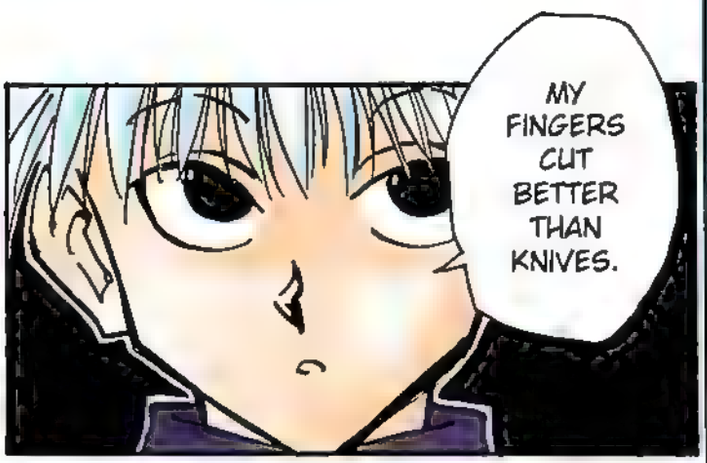
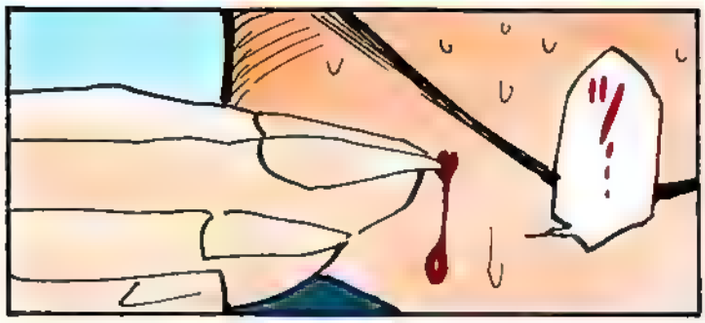

MY FINGERS CUT BETTER THAN KNIVES.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DON'T MOVE.
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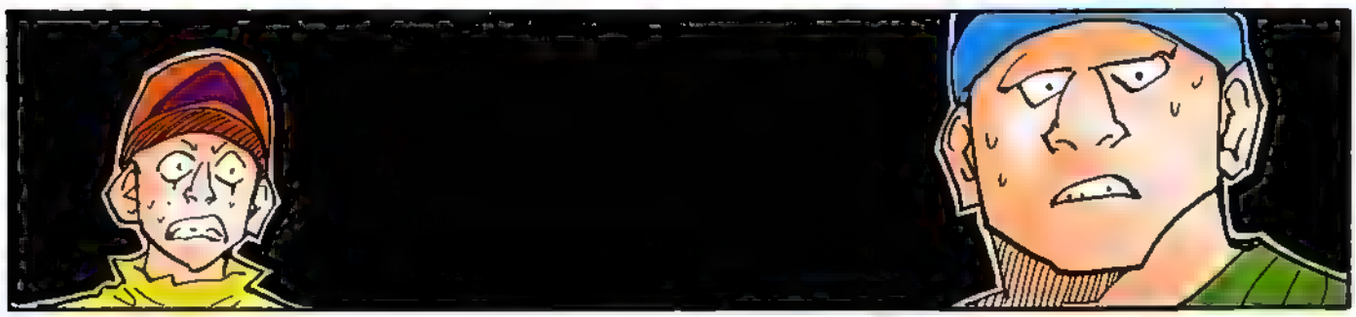
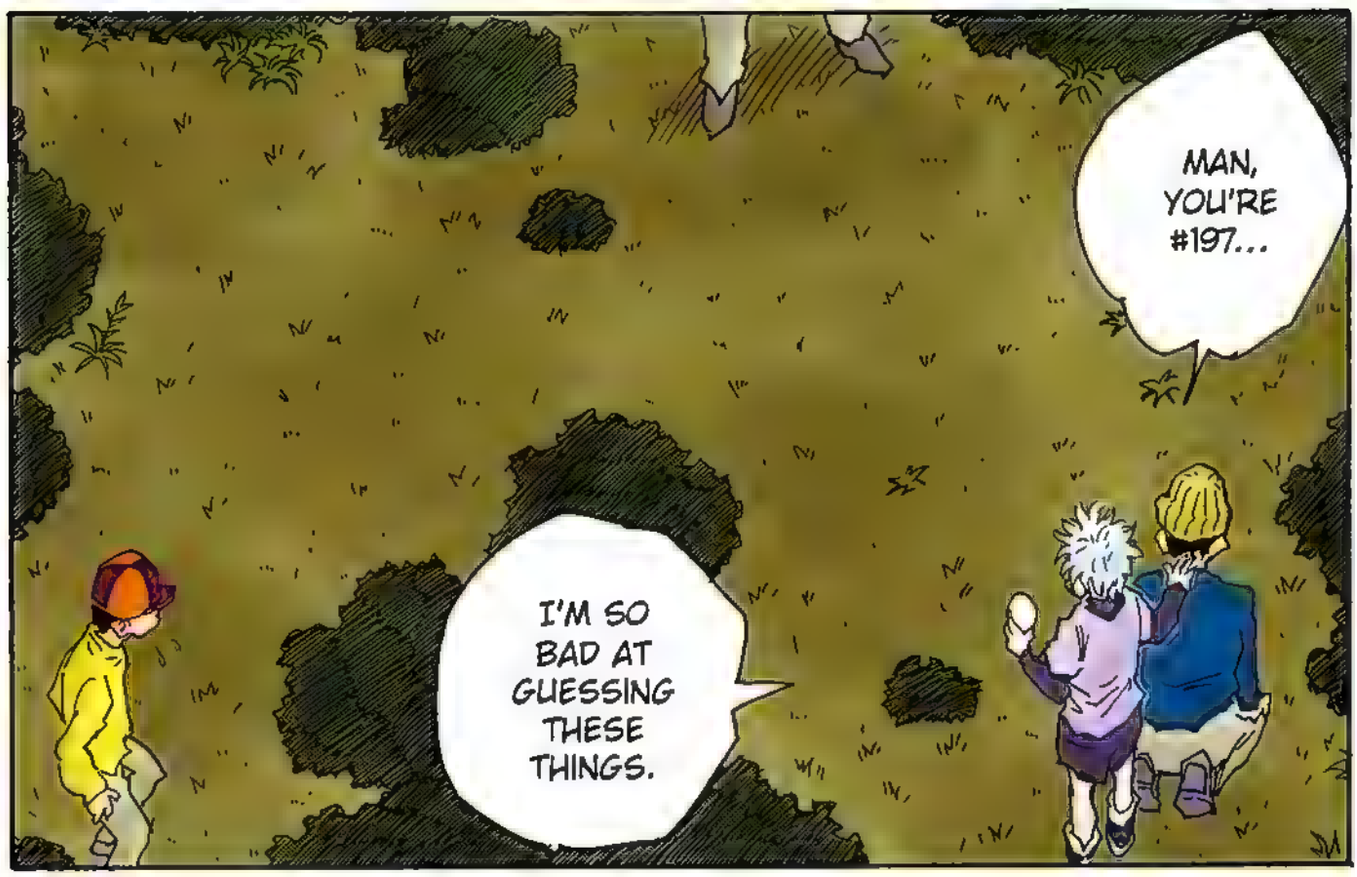
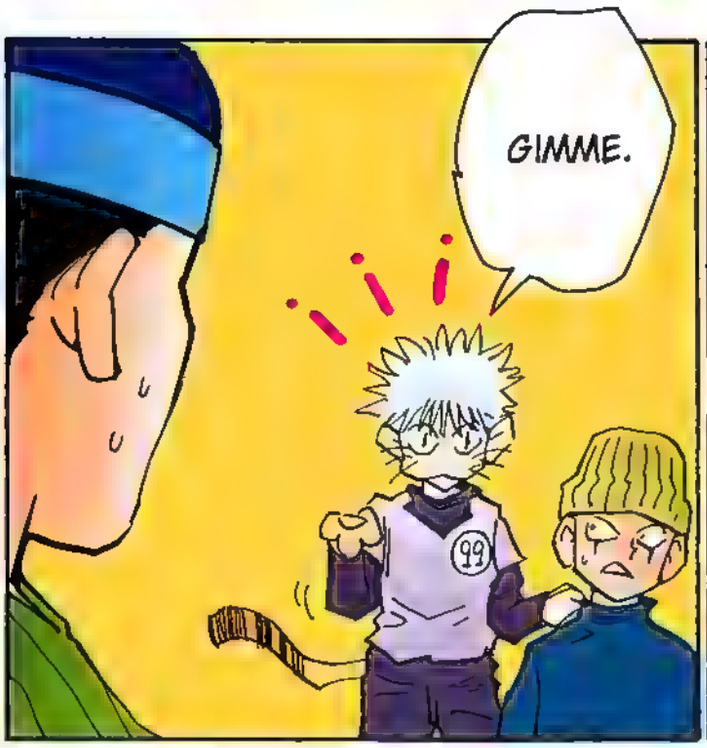
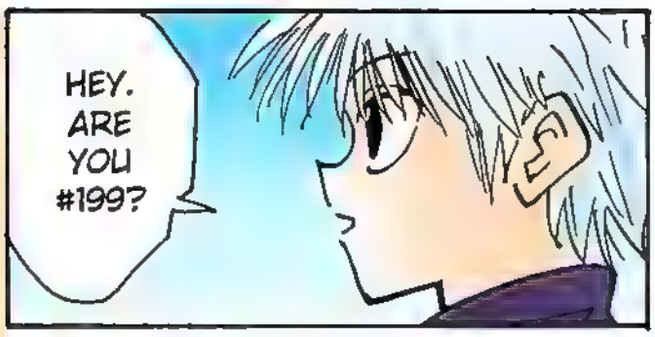



MAN, YOU'RE #197...
I'M SO BAD AT GUESSING THESE THINGS.


GIMME.


HEY. ARE YOU #199?

YEAH.
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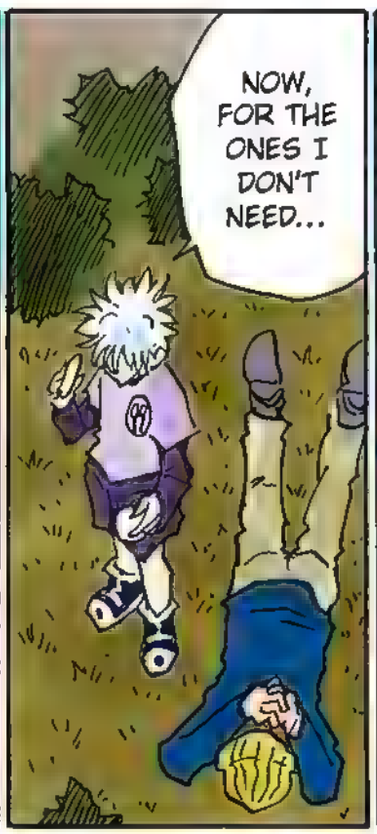
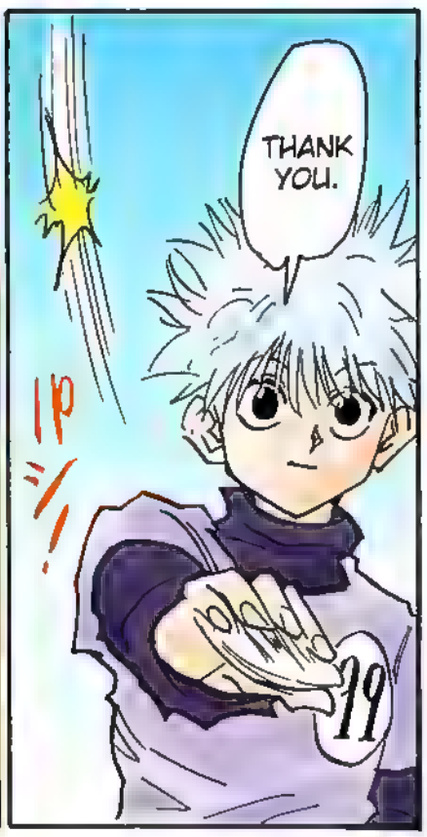

NOW, FOR THE ONES I DON'T NEED...


THANK YOU.

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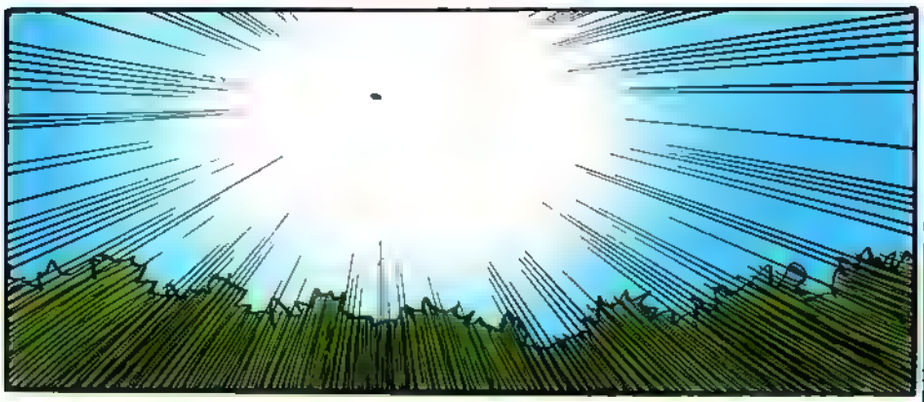
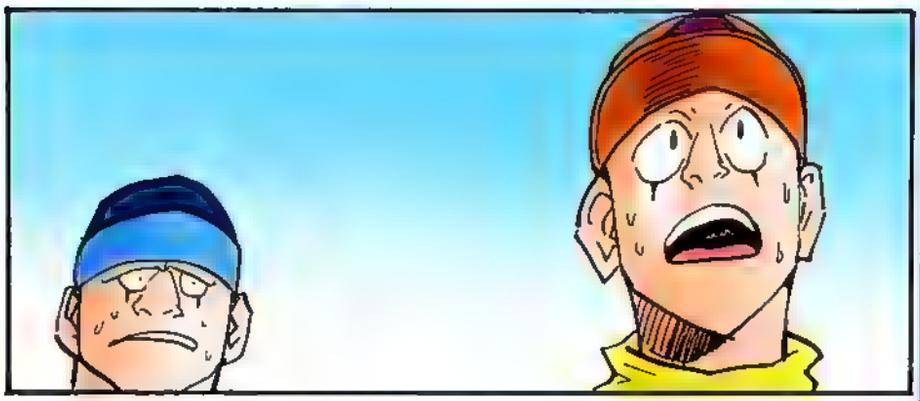
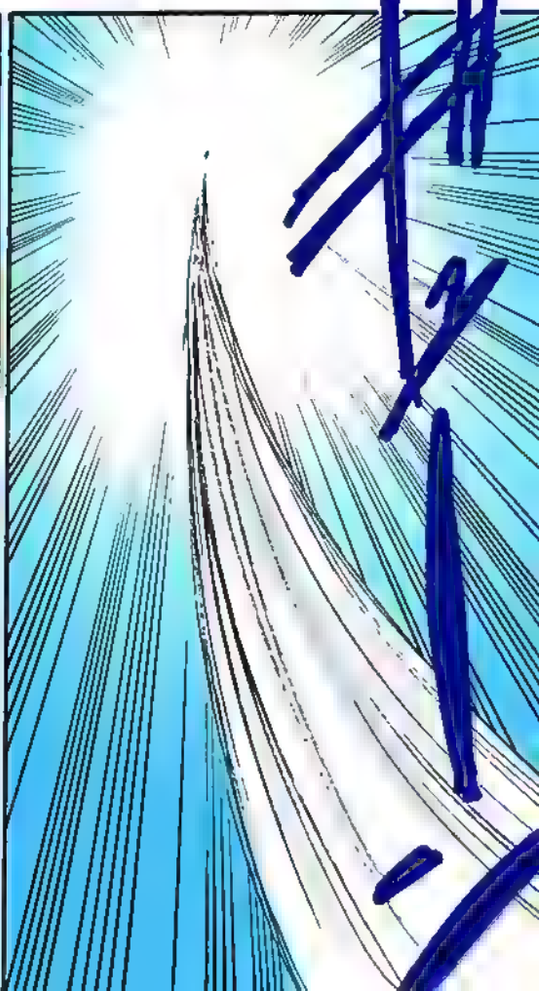
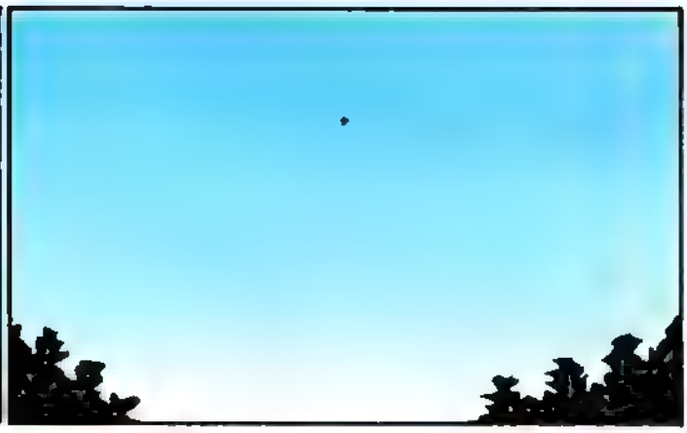
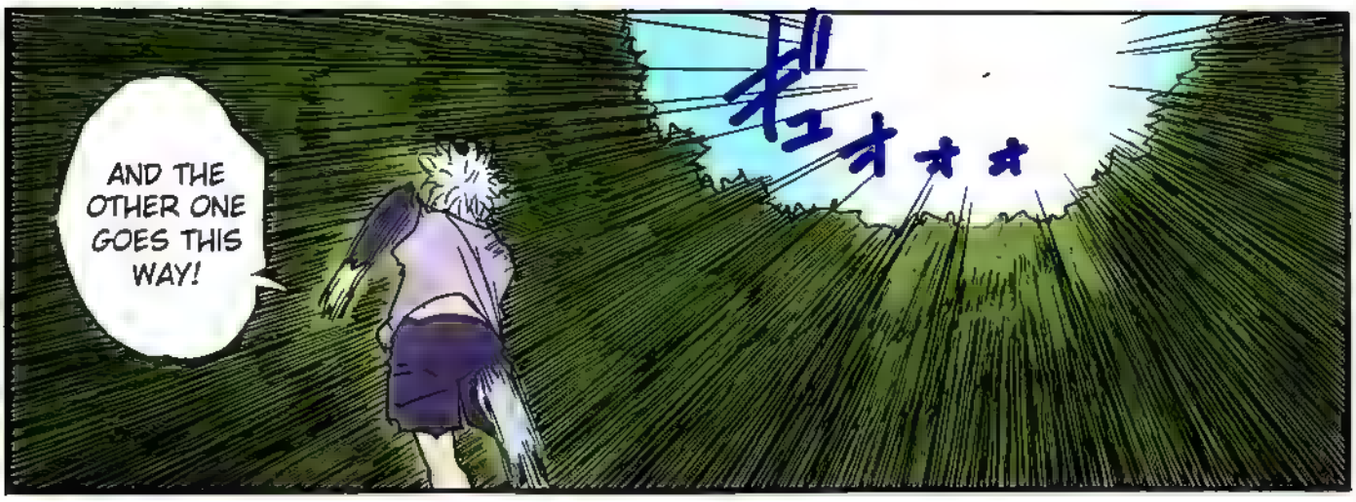


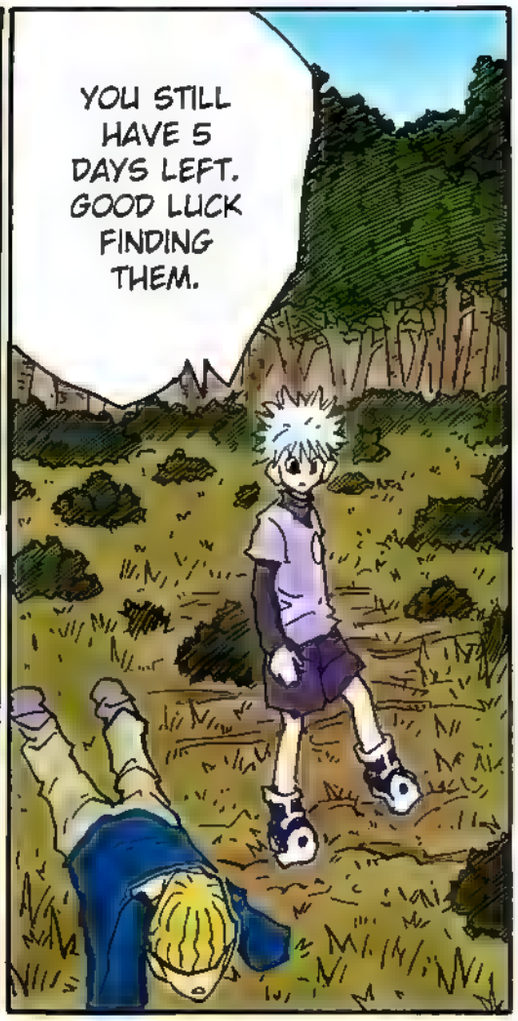







AND THE OTHER ONE GOES THIS WAY!

LATER!


YOU STILL HAVE 5 DAYS LEFT. GOOD LUCK FINDING THEM.

DAMN IT!

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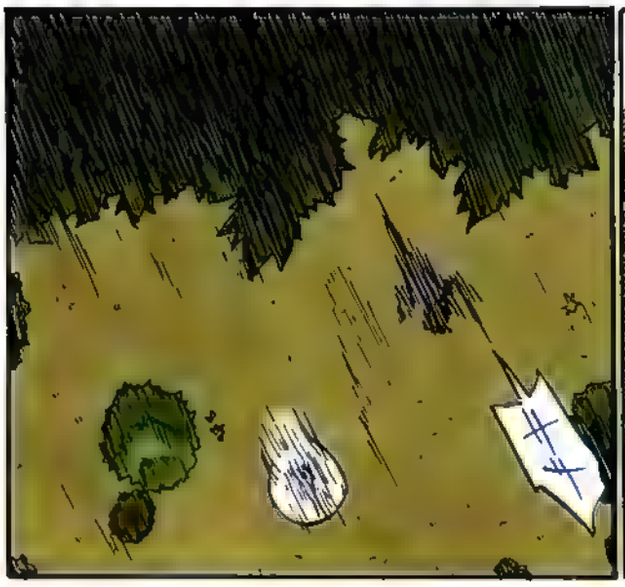

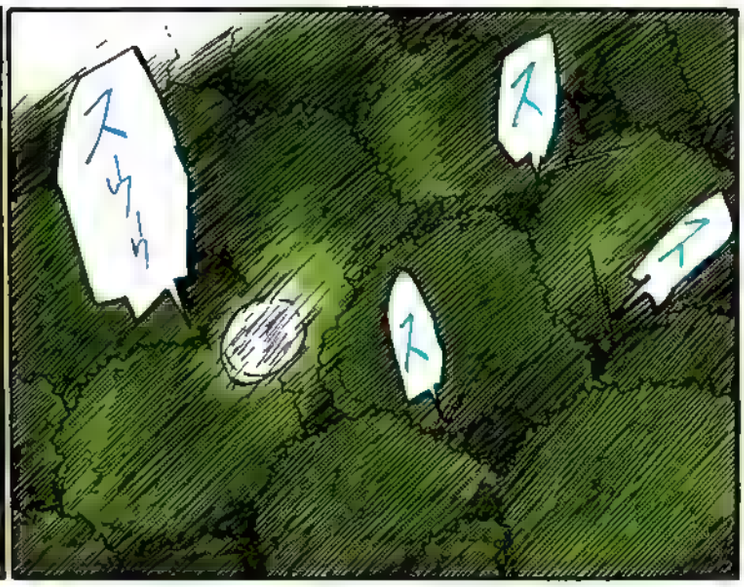

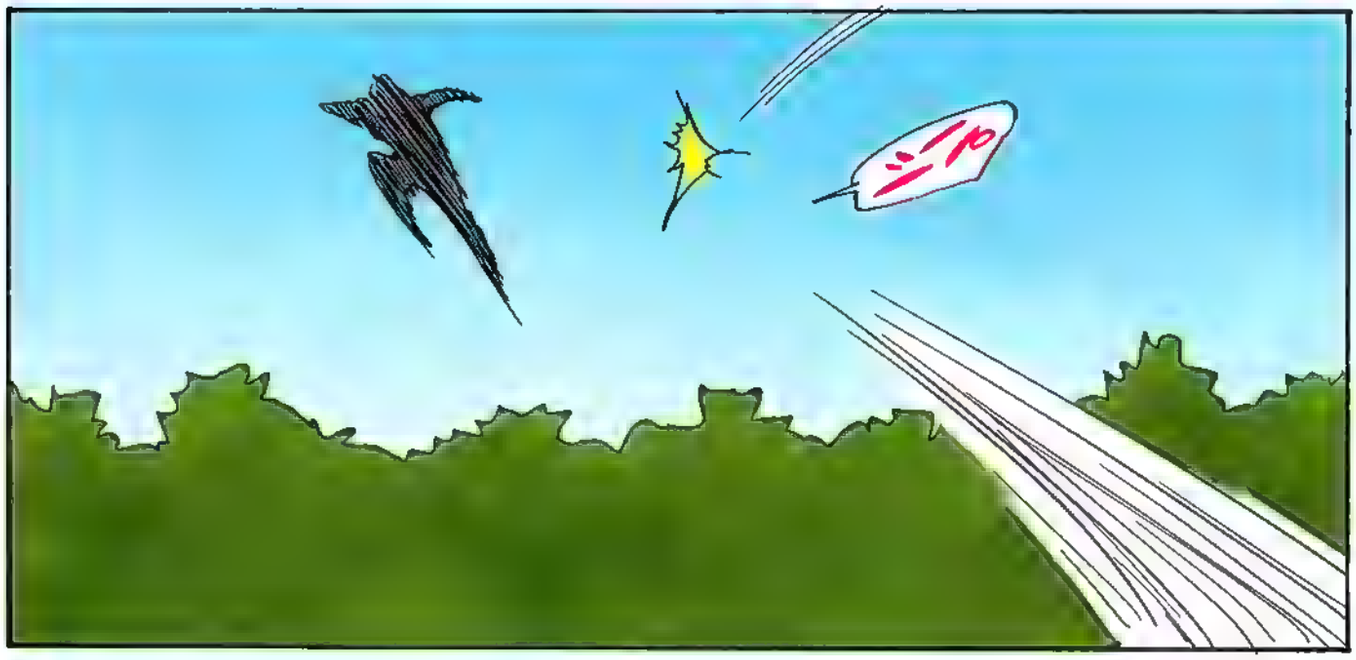

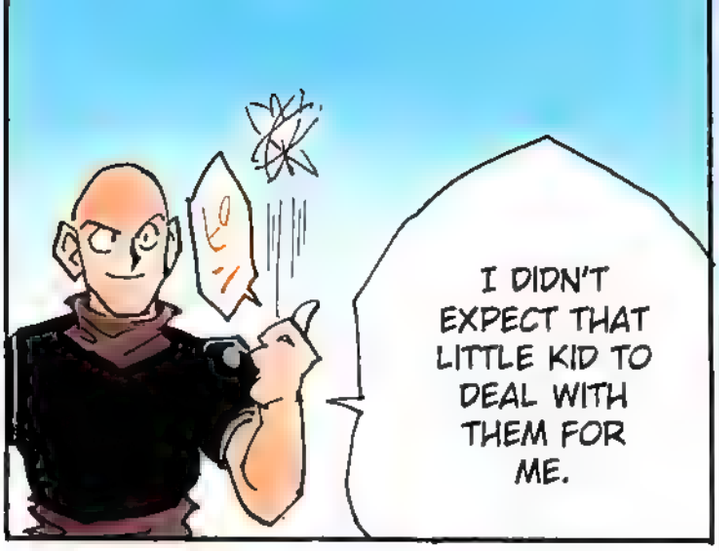
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT LITTLE KID TO DEAL WITH THEM FOR ME.

MADE IT EASY TO GRAB THE BADGE NUMBER I NEEDED...

#197 IS ALWAYS ACCOM-PANIED BY #199...
GOOD THING I WAS WATCHING FROM THE SHADOWS.

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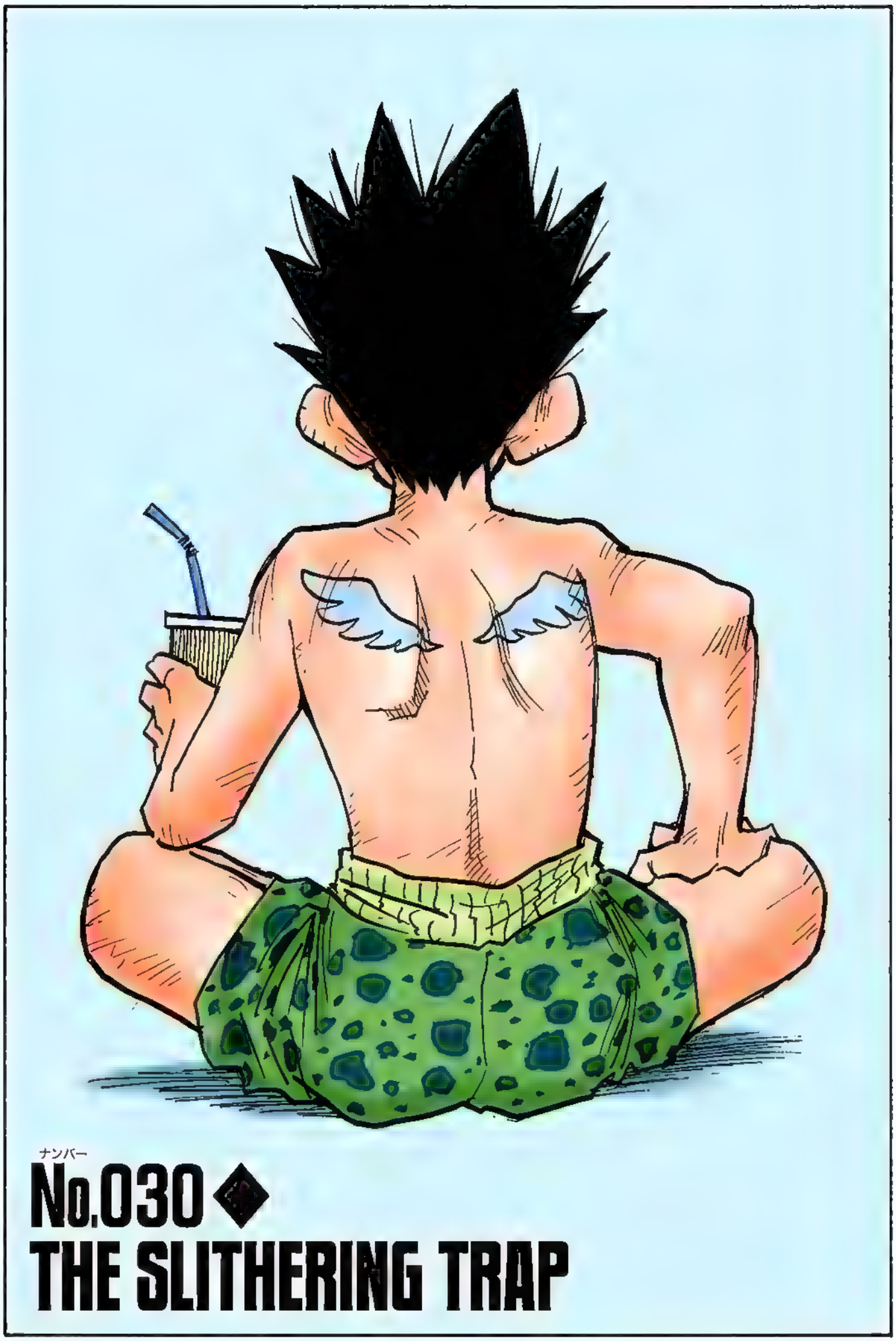

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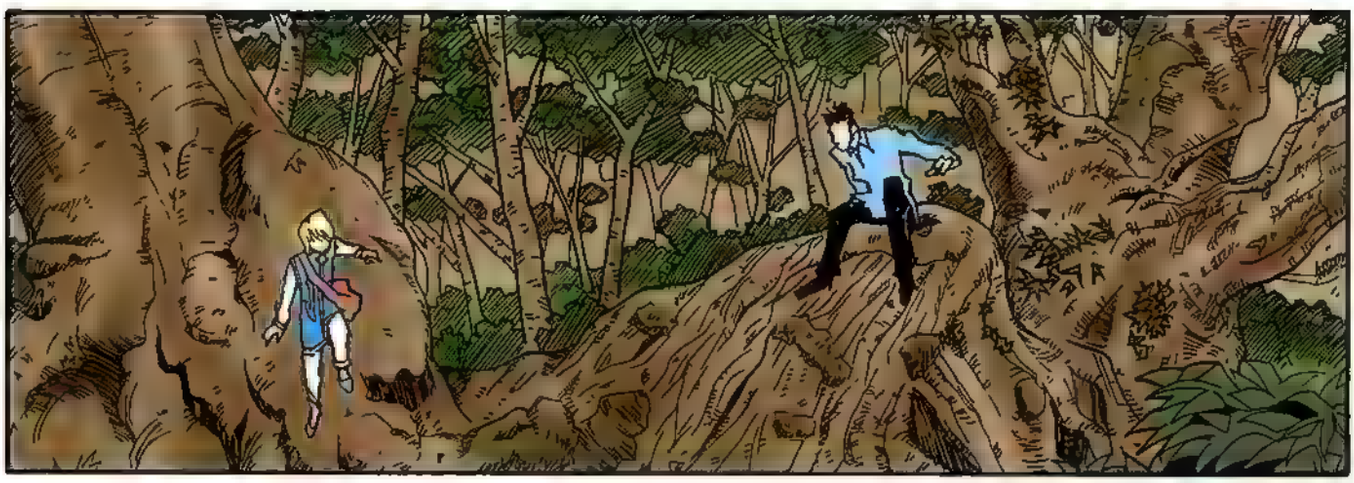
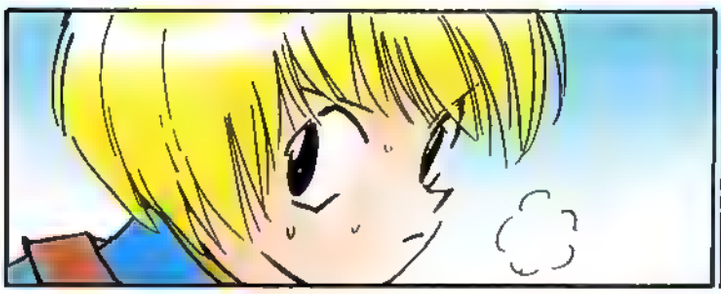
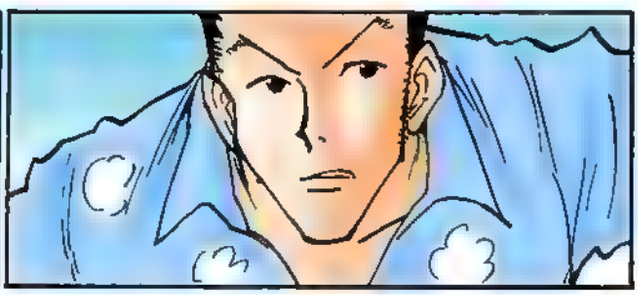
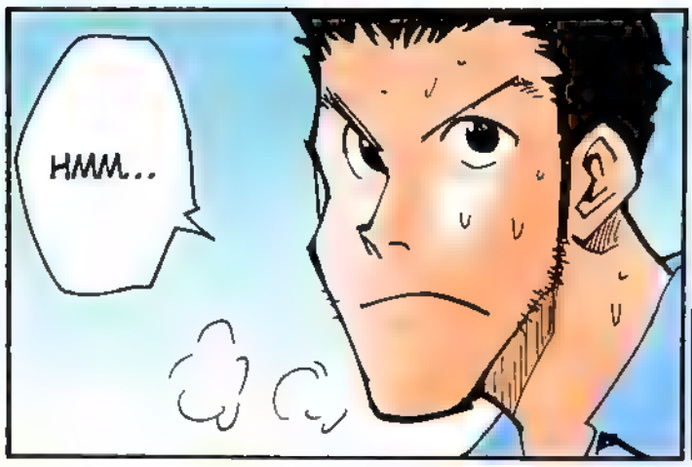
THE SLITHERING TRAP







ONLY 1 DAY LEFT.
6 DAYS HAVE PASSED ALREADY.


HMM...

AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE ELSE.
IT'S BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE WE RAN INTO HISOKA...

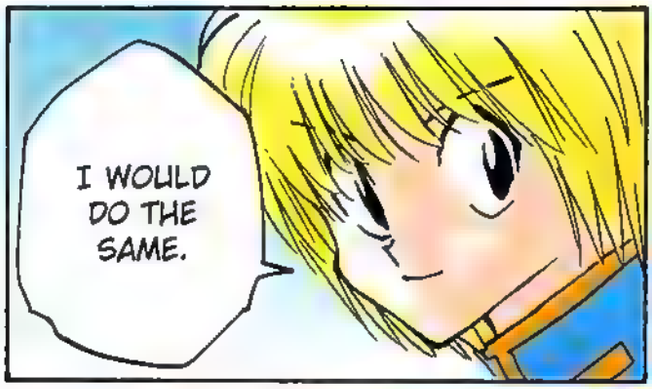
WANNA HEAD BACK TO THE STARTING POINT?

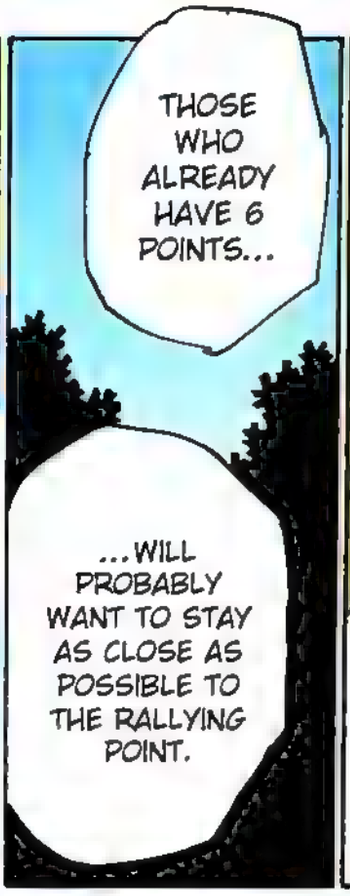
EVEN IF YOU HAVE 6 POINTS IN YOUR BADGE RIGHT NOW...
...THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE YOU'LL HAVE THEM WHEN THE PHASE ENDS.

THE PHASE IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR BADGE...
...YOU STILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO RECOVER IT IF YOU LOSE IT.

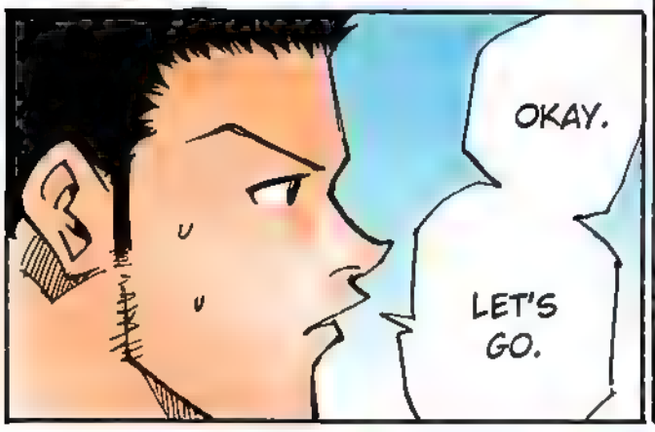
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY FINISHED.
NO, THAT WON'T HAPPEN.

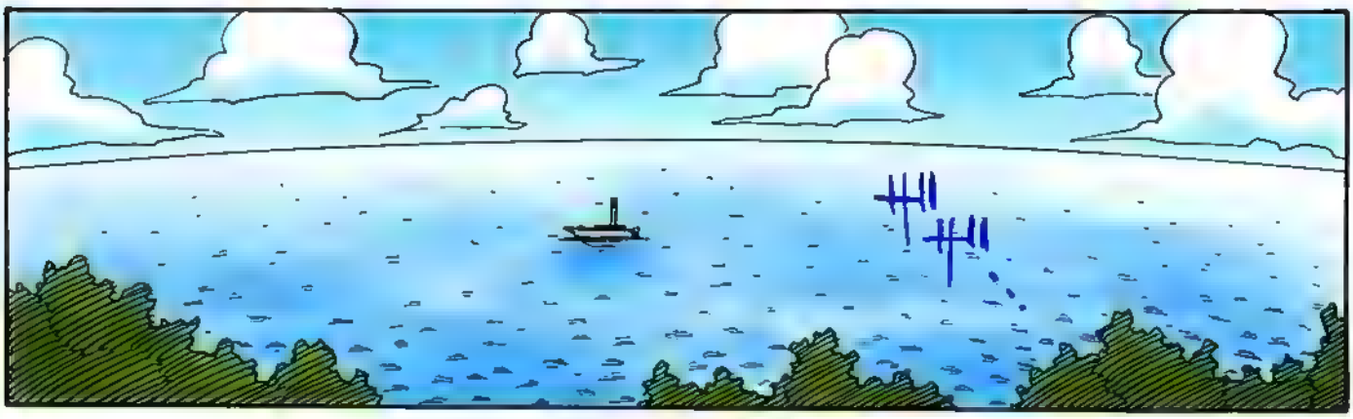
I SEE...
WE ALL FINISH THE PHASE AT THE SAME TIME.

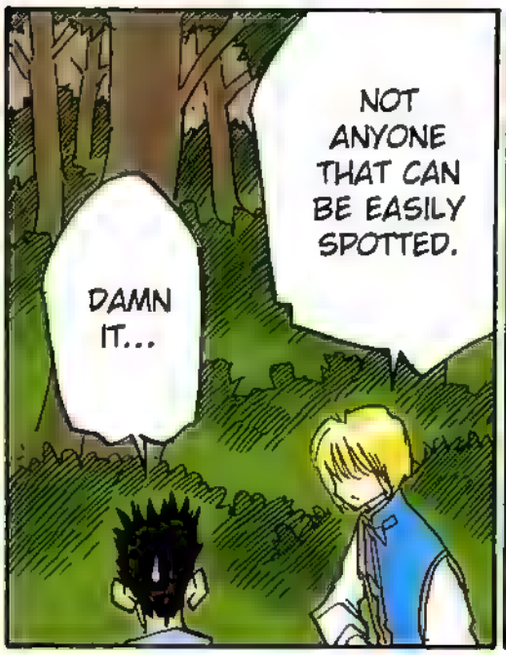

I WOULD DO THE SAME.


THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE 6 POINTS...
...WILL PROBABLY WANT TO STAY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE RALLYING POINT.

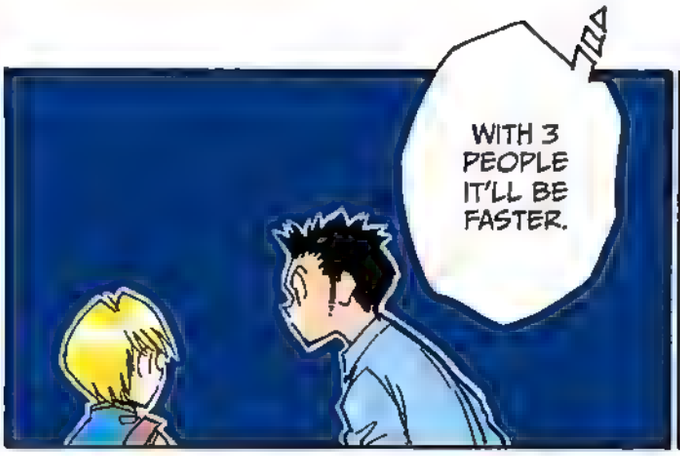
BUT, IT IS WORTH THE SHOT.
ONLY ONE DAY REMAINS.

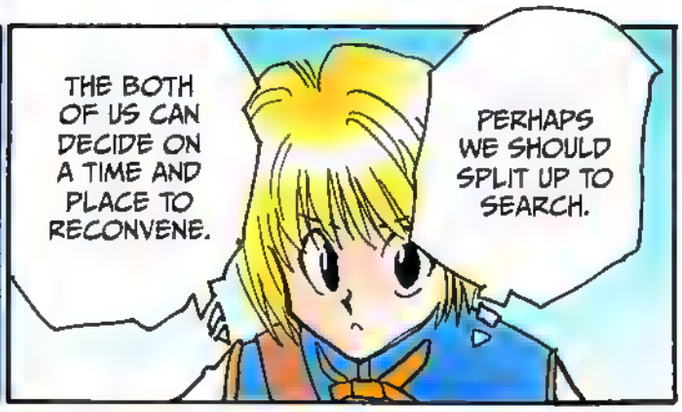

OKAY.
LET'S GO.




NOT ANYONE THAT CAN BE EASILY SPOTTED.
DAMN IT...

WELL? ANYONE THERE?
NO...


WITH 3 PEOPLE IT'LL BE FASTER.


THE BOTH OF US CAN DECIDE ON A TIME AND PLACE TO RECONVENE.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD SPLIT UP TO SEARCH.

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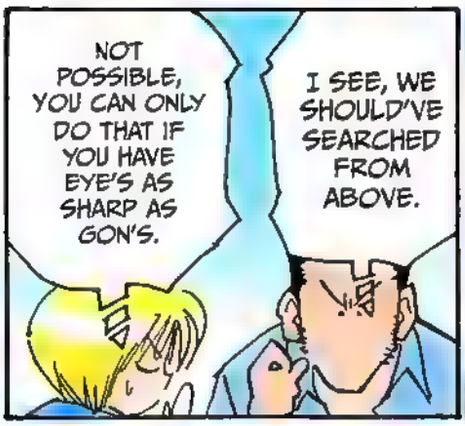
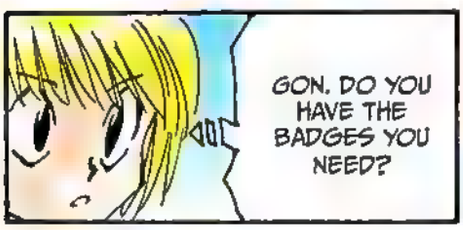
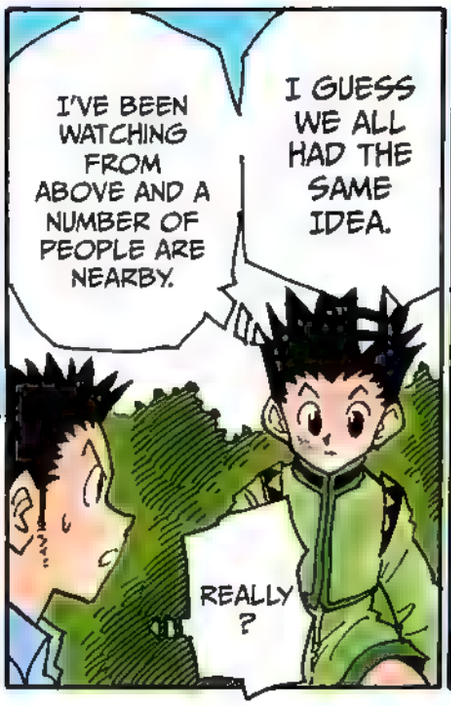
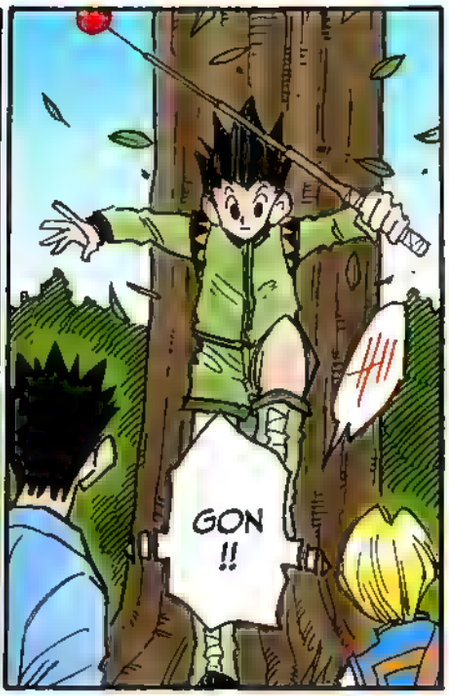
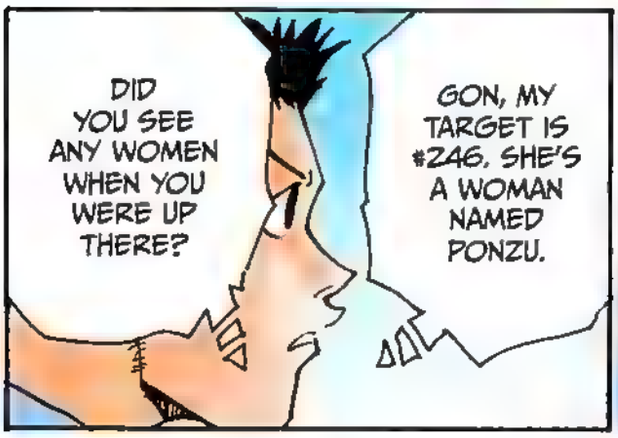
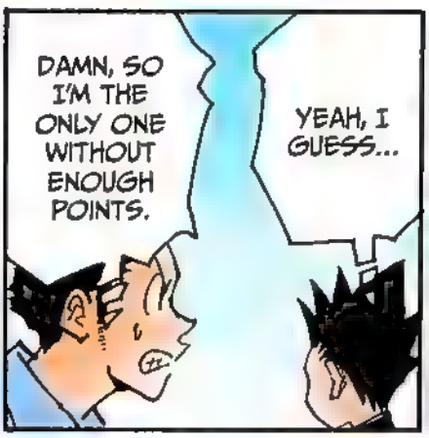

NOT POSSIBLE, YOU CAN ONLY DO THAT IF YOU HAVE EYE'S AS SHARP AS GON'S.
I SEE, WE SHOULD'VE SEARCHED FROM ABOVE.

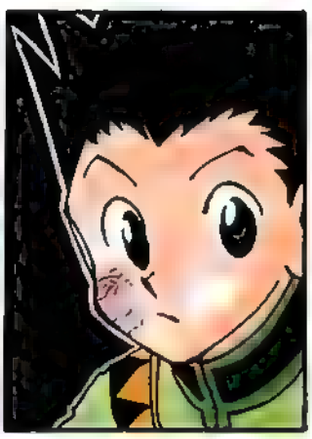

GON. DO YOU HAVE THE BADGES YOU NEED?

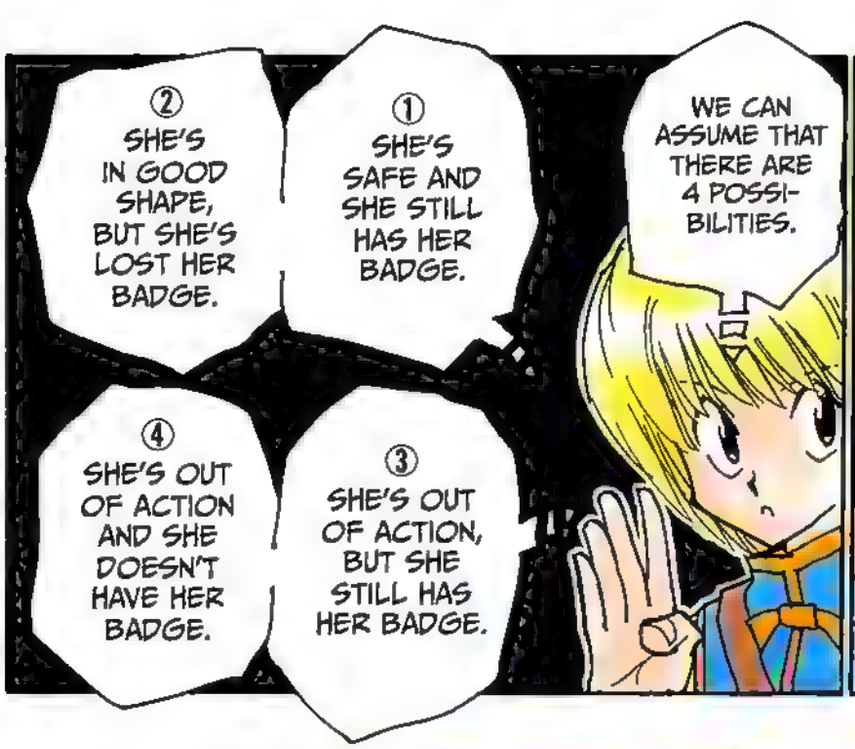

I'VE BEEN WATCHING FROM ABOVE AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE NEARBY.
I GUESS WE ALL HAD THE SAME IDEA.
REALLY ?

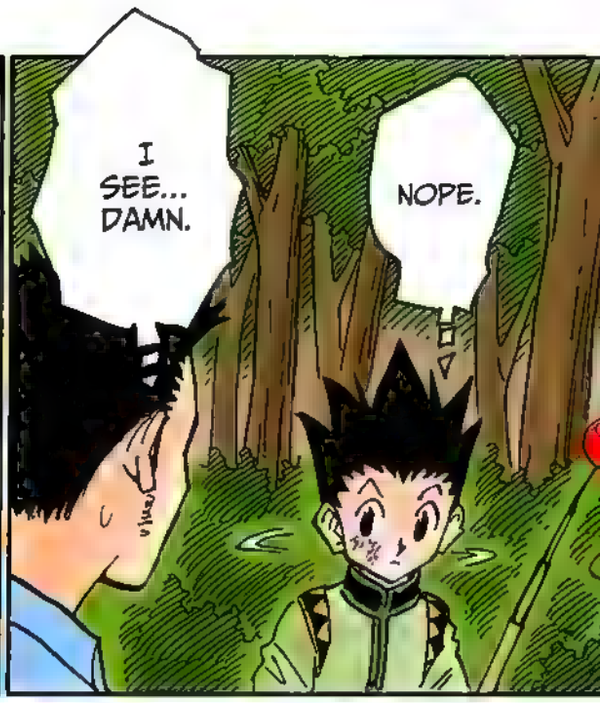

GON !!

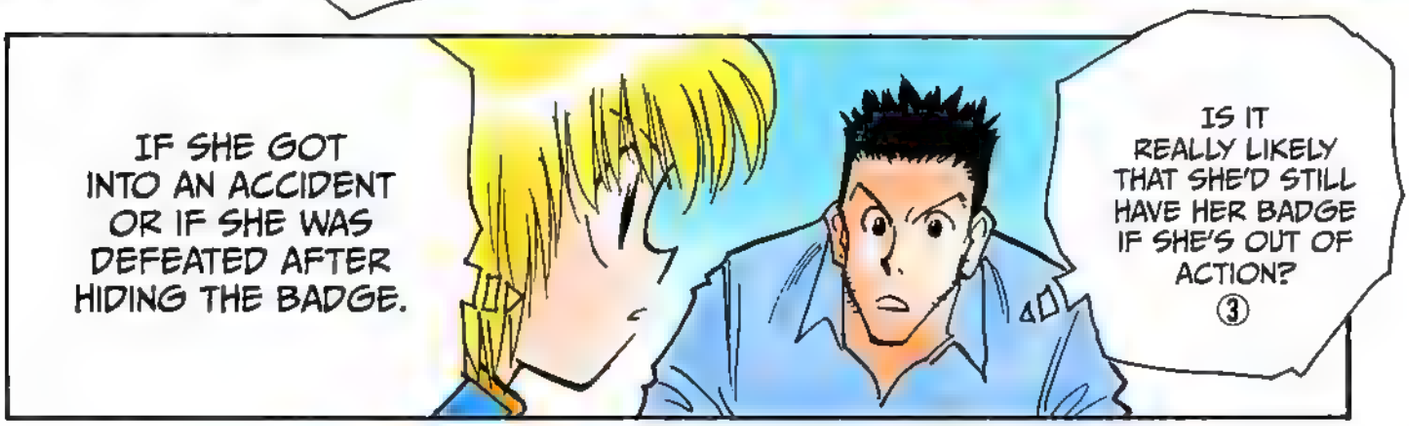

DID YOU SEE ANY WOMEN WHEN YOU WERE UP THERE?
GON, MY TARGET IS #246. SHE'S A WOMAN NAMED PONZU.

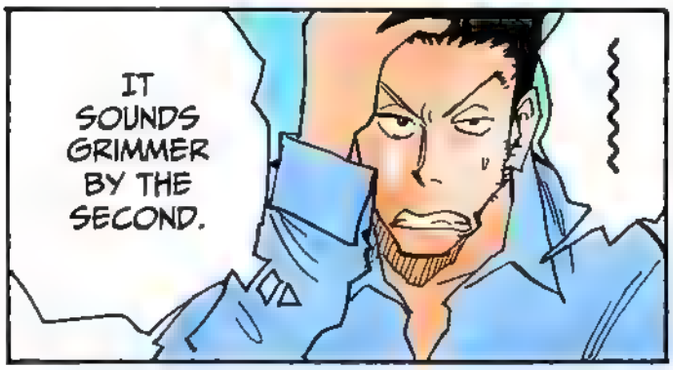

DAMN, SO I'M THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT ENOUGH POINTS.
YEAH, I GUESS...

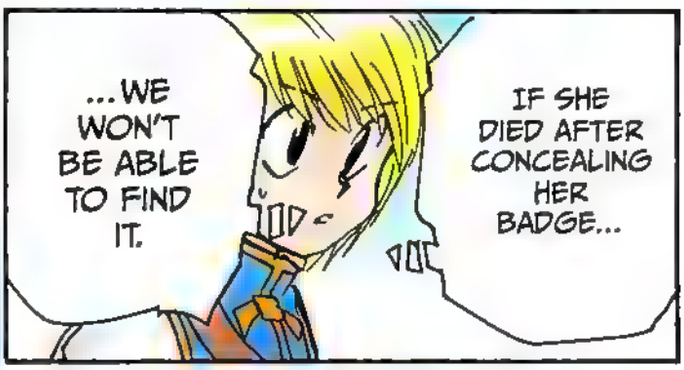


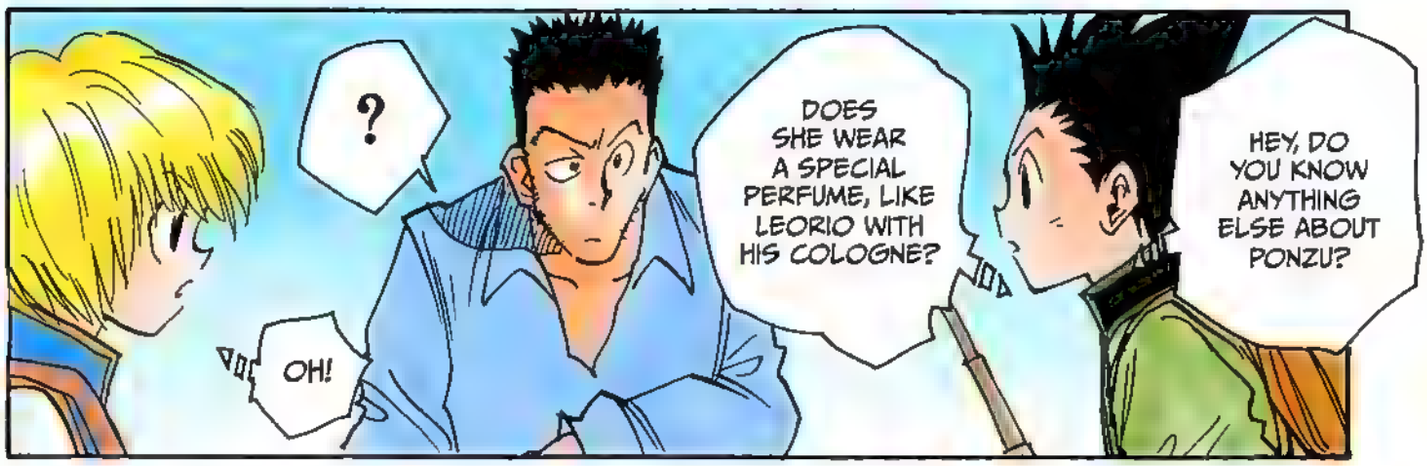

② SHE'S IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT SHE'S LOST HER BADGE.
① SHE'S SAFE AND SHE STILL HAS HER BADGE.
④ SHE'S OUT OF ACTION AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE HER BADGE.
③ SHE'S OUT OF ACTION, BUT SHE STILL HAS HER BADGE.
WE CAN ASSUME THAT THERE ARE 4 POSSI-BILITIES.


I SEE... DAMN.
NOPE.


IF SHE GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT OR IF SHE WAS DEFEATED AFTER HIDING THE BADGE.
IS IT REALLY LIKELY THAT SHE'D STILL HAVE HER BADGE IF SHE'S OUT OF ACTION? ③


IT SOUNDS GRIMMER BY THE SECOND.


...WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND IT.
IF SHE DIED AFTER CONCEALING HER BADGE...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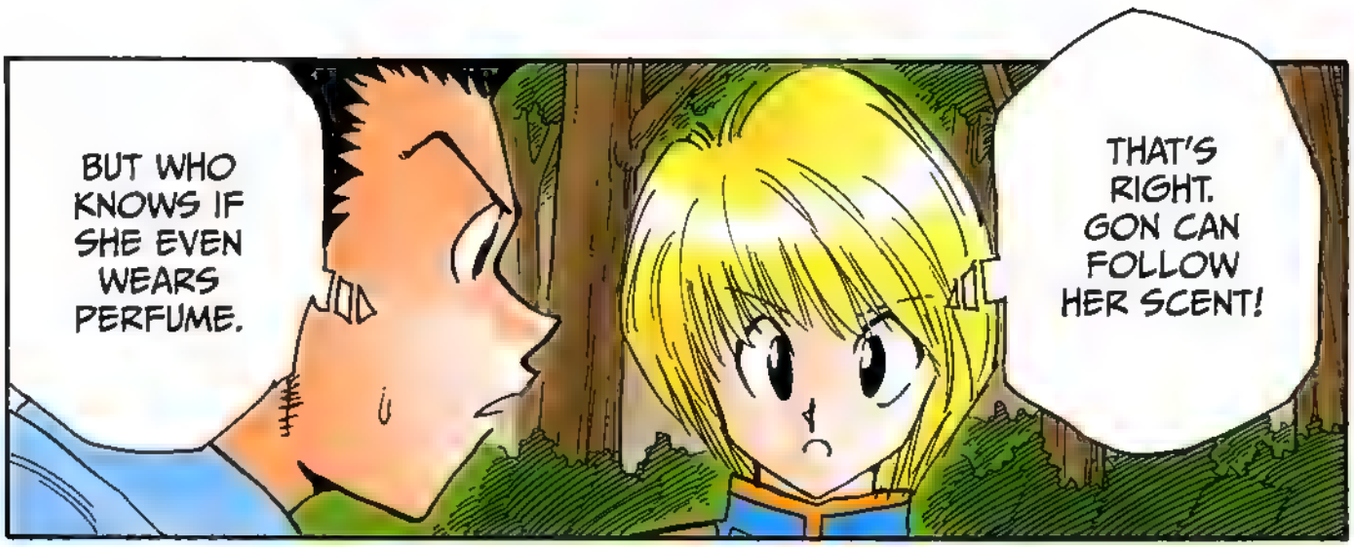
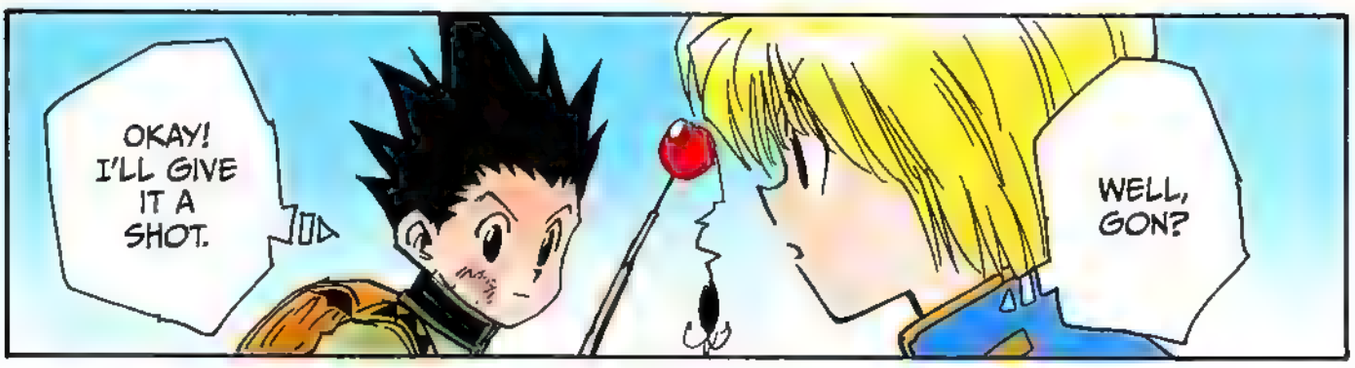
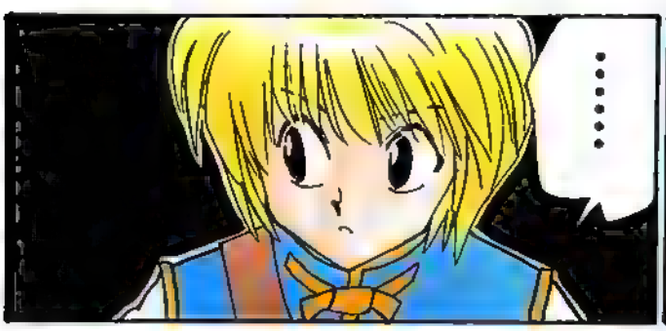
OH!
DOES SHE WEAR A SPECIAL PERFUME, LIKE LEORIO WITH HIS COLOGNE?
HEY, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT PONZU?


BUT WHO KNOWS IF SHE EVEN WEARS PERFUME.
THAT'S RIGHT. GON CAN FOLLOW HER SCENT!

SOME OF THEM MUST HAVE STRONG SCENTS.
SHE'S KNOWN FOR USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, RIGHT?

WE COULD SMELL THE CHEMICAL SHE USES.


OKAY! I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.
WELL, GON?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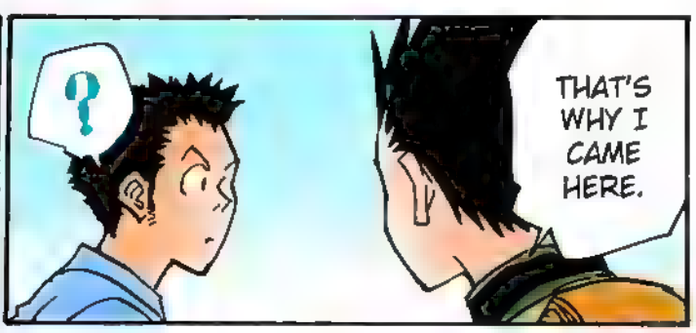
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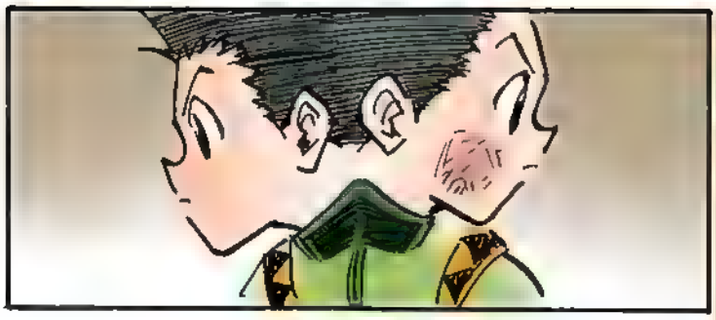
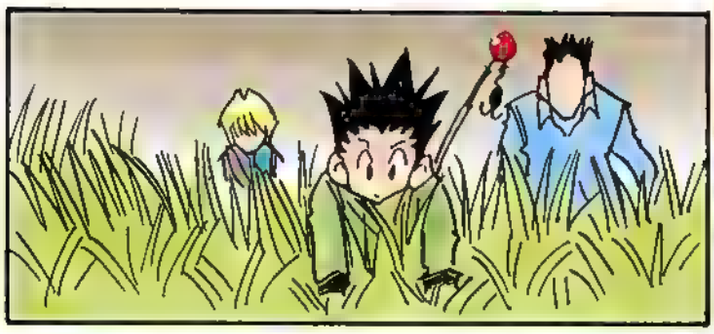
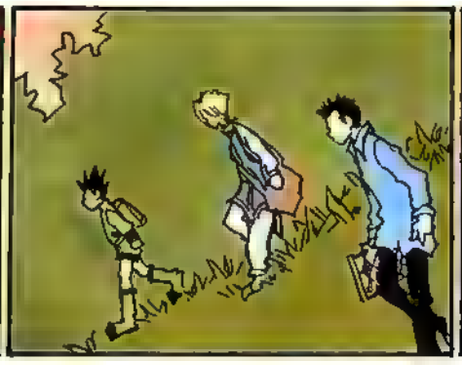
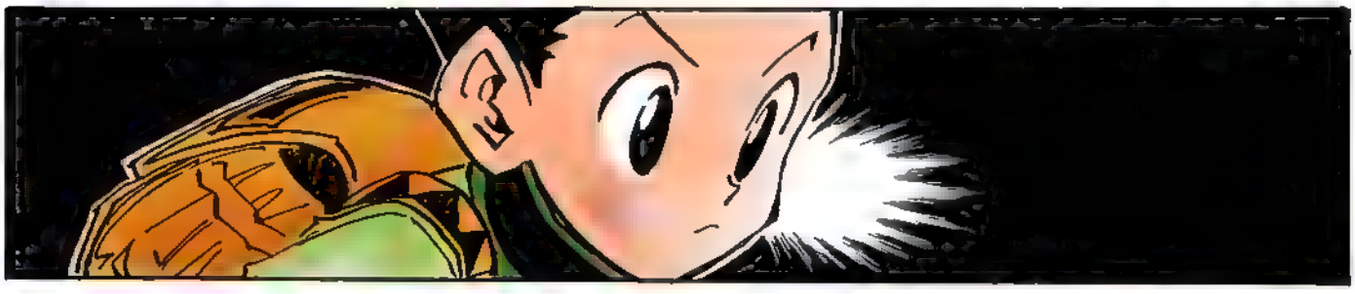
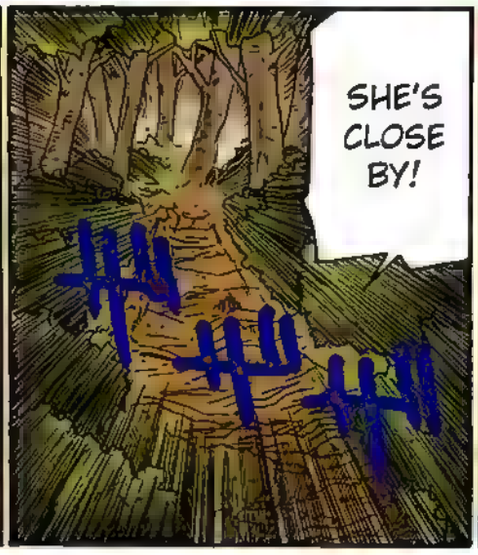
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE.

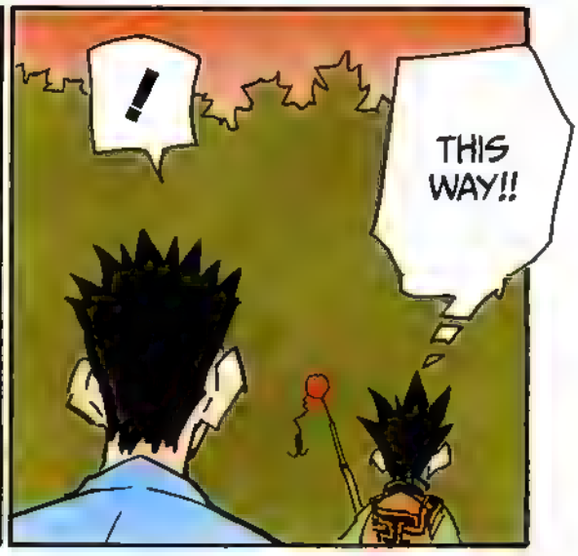









SHE'S CLOSE BY!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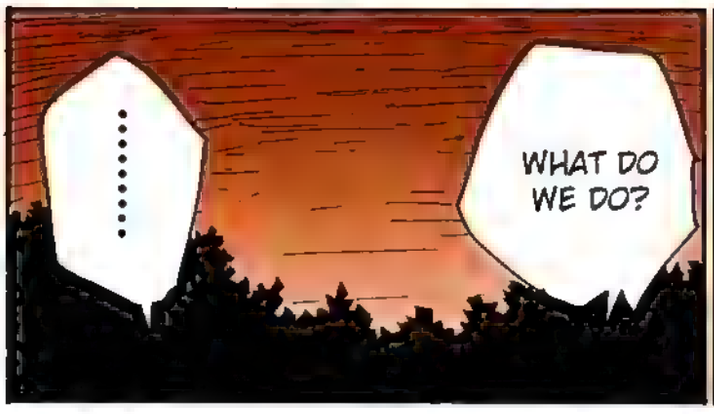
THIS WAY!!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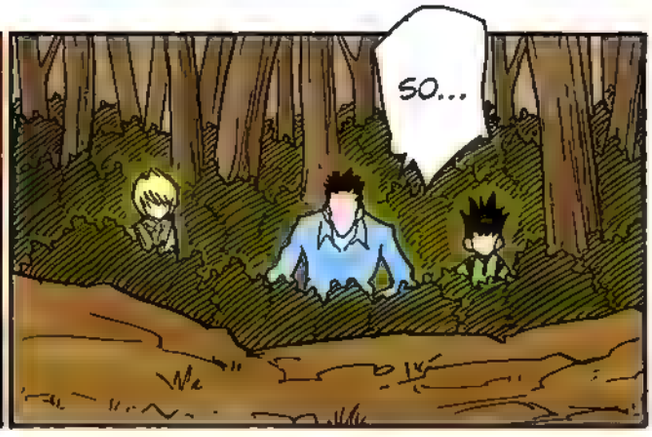
WHAT DO WE DO?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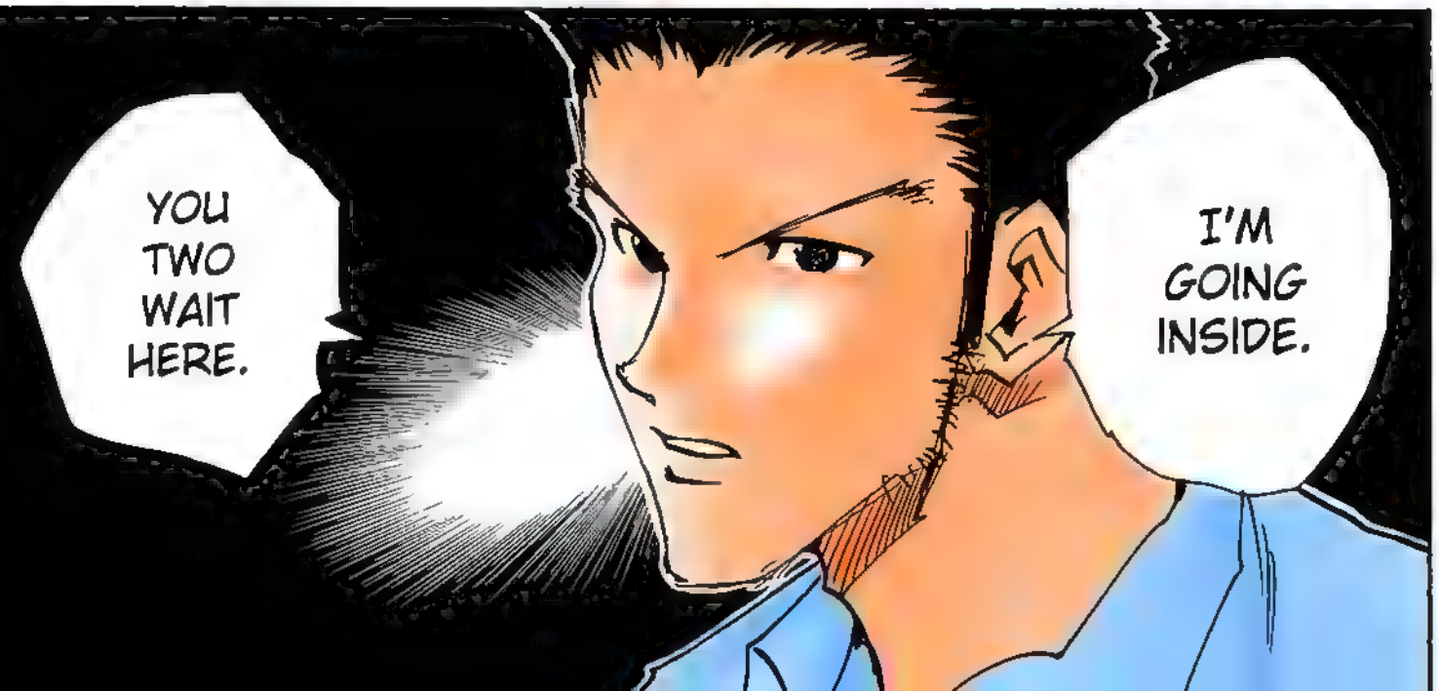
YOU TWO WAIT HERE.
I'M GOING INSIDE.

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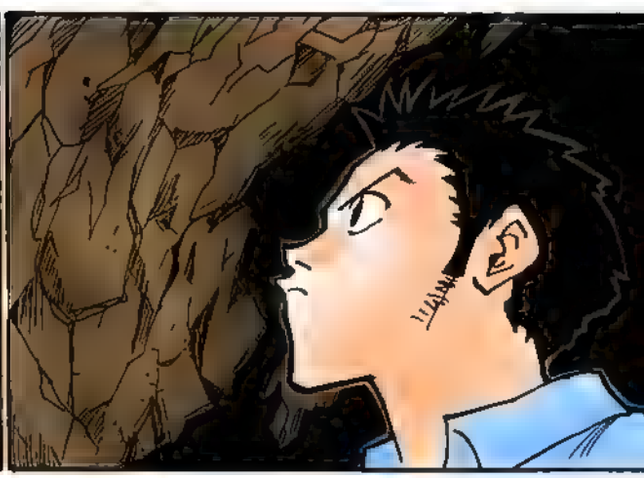
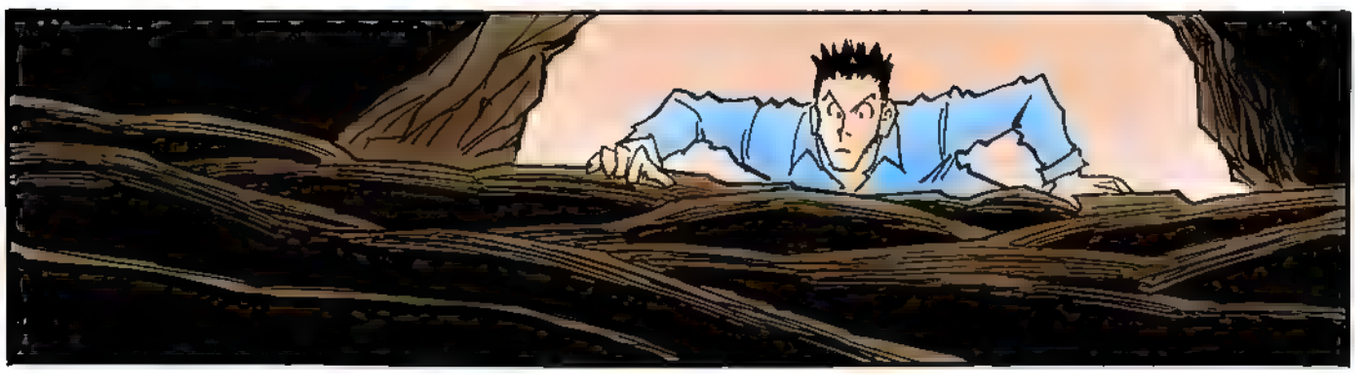
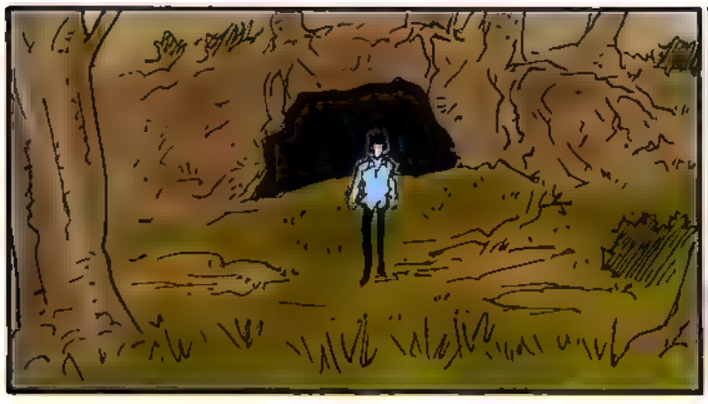
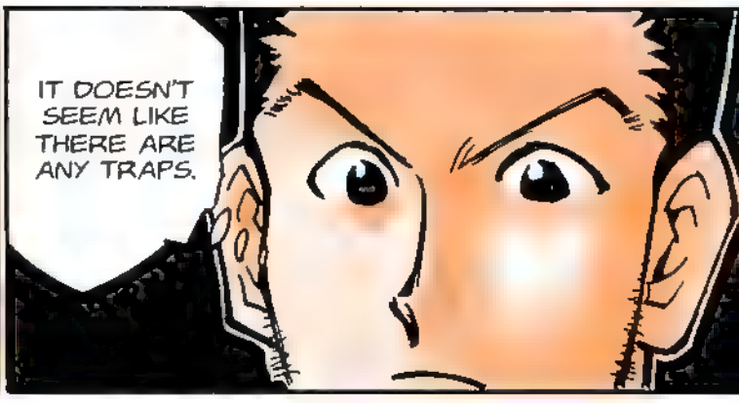
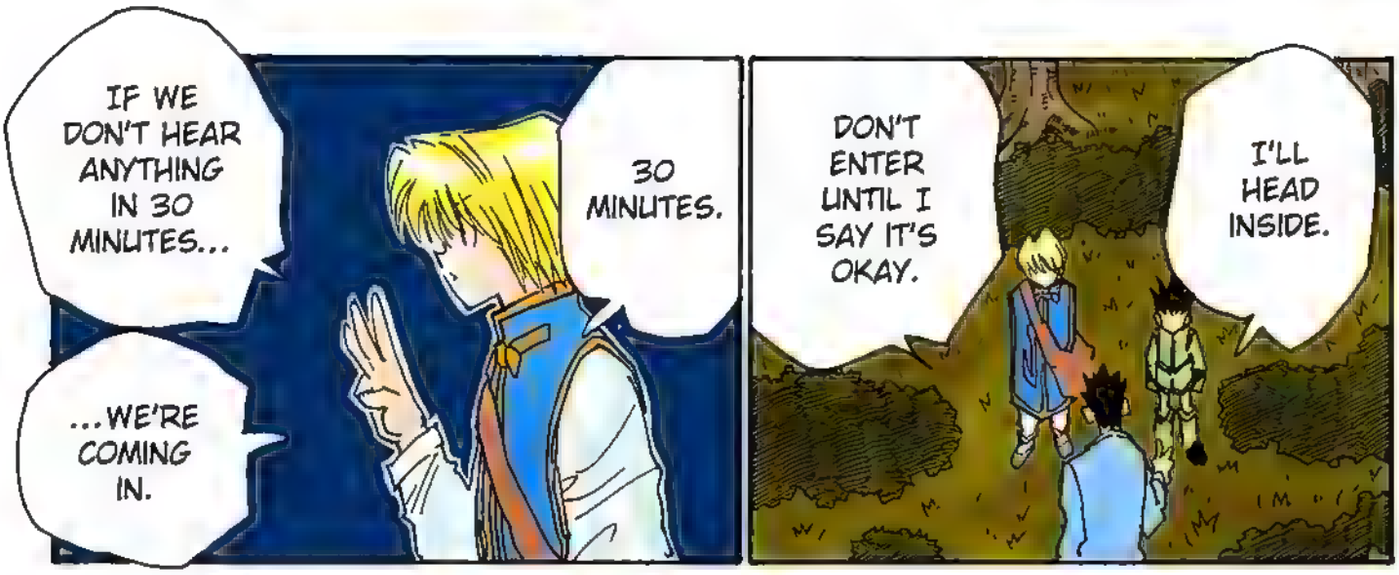


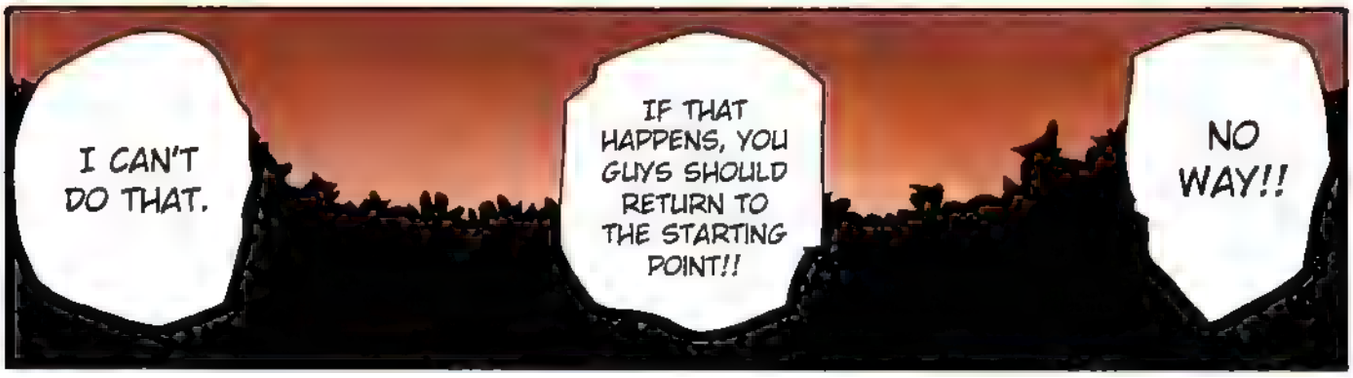


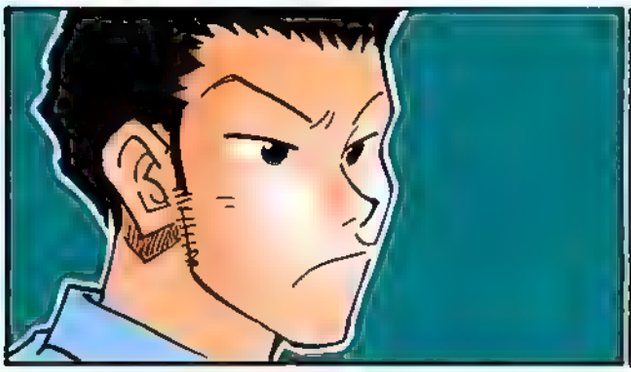


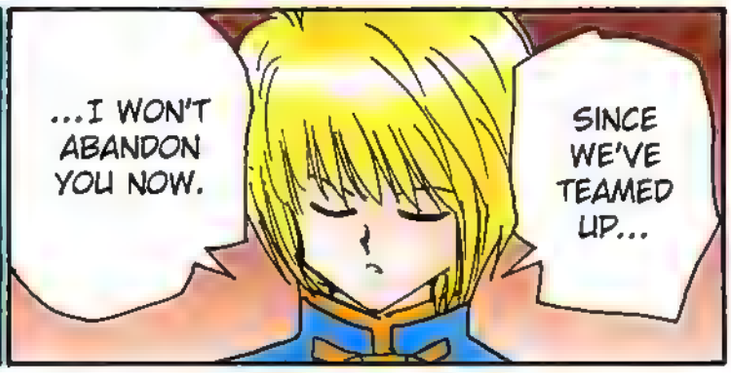

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE ARE ANY TRAPS.


IF WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING IN 30 MINUTES...
30 MINUTES.
...WE'RE COMING IN.

DON'T ENTER UNTIL I SAY IT'S OKAY.
I'LL HEAD INSIDE.

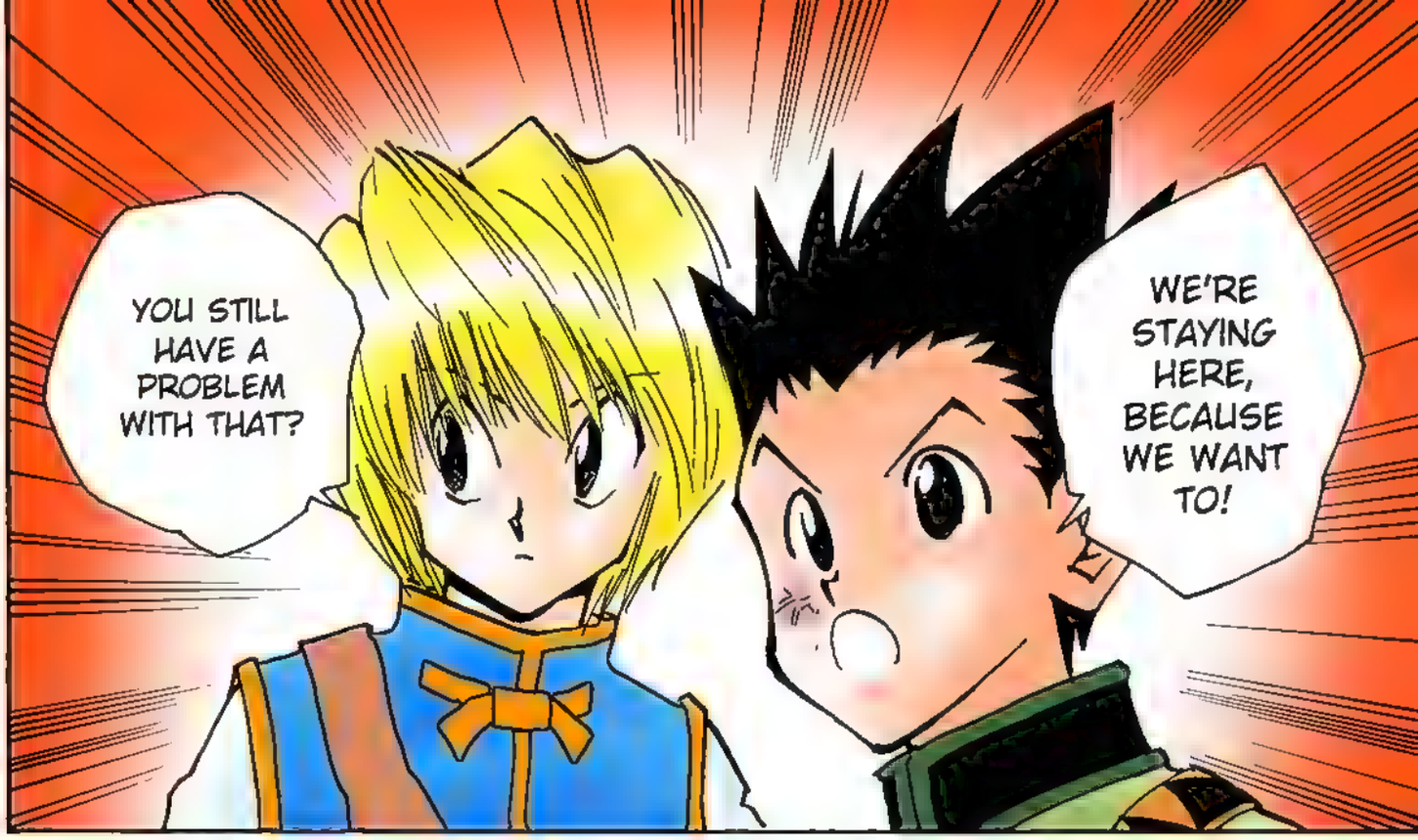

I CAN'T DO THAT.
IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU GUYS SHOULD RETURN TO THE STARTING POINT!!
NO WAY!!

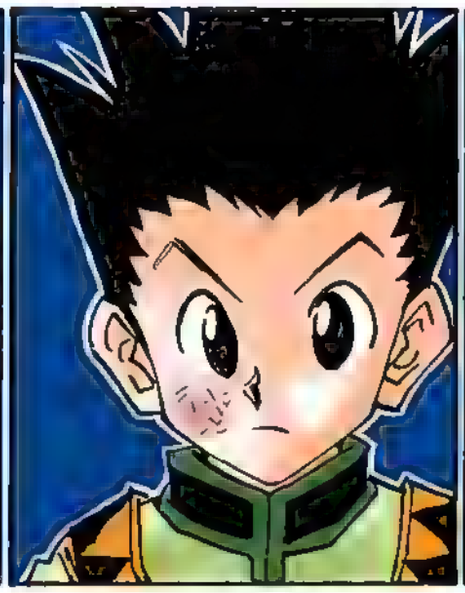


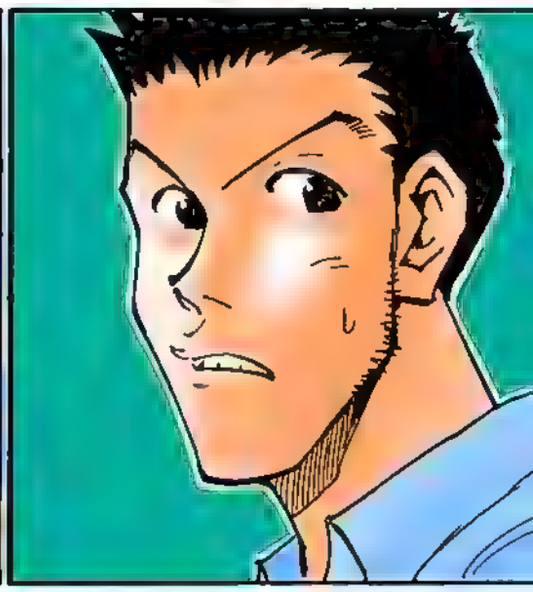

...I WON'T ABANDON YOU NOW.
SINCE WE'VE TEAMED UP...

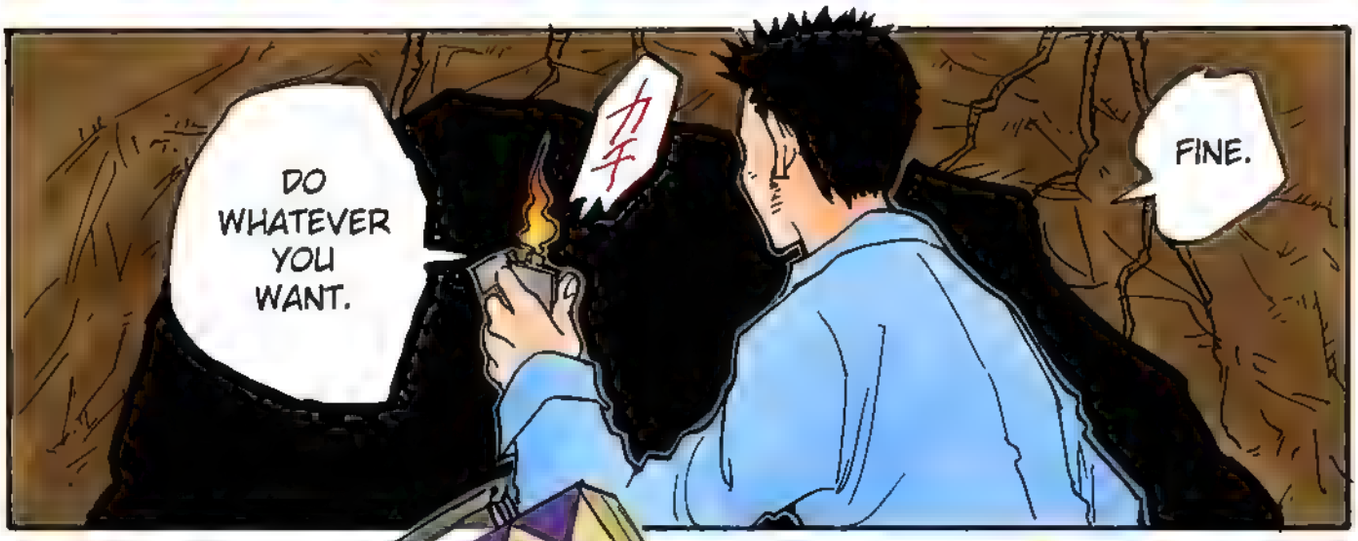
NO.
NO.
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?!!

IT'S SELFISH, CONSIDERING ALL THE HELP YOU'VE GIVEN ME...
THEN CONSIDER THIS TEAM UP OVER!!
BUT I'LL DO THIS ALONE!


YOU STILL HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
WE'RE STAYING HERE, BECAUSE WE WANT TO!






DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
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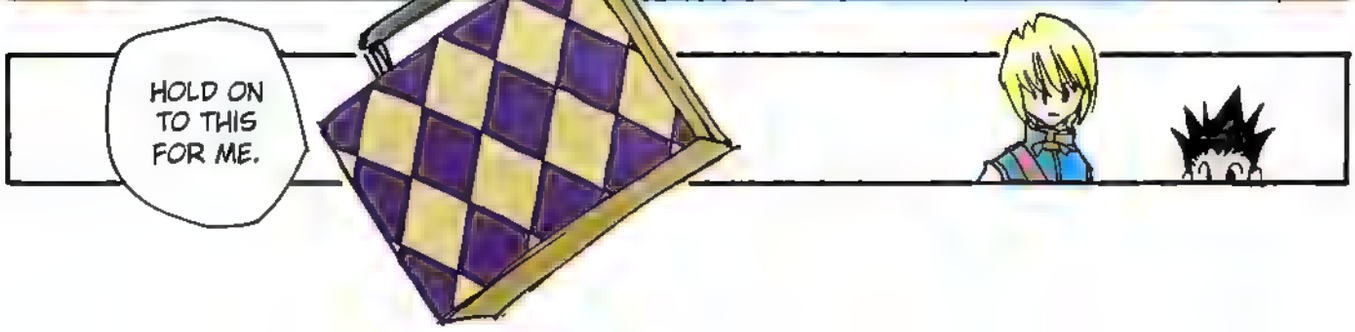
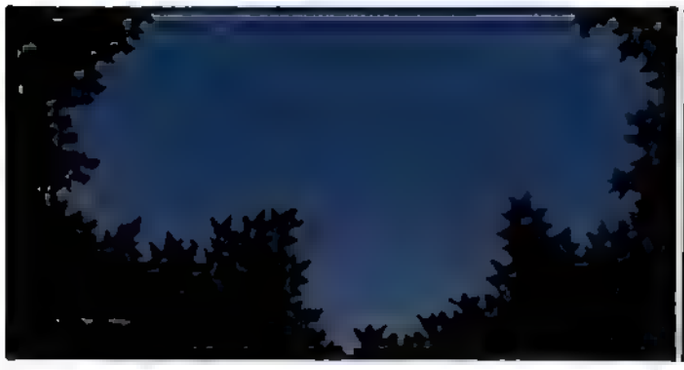
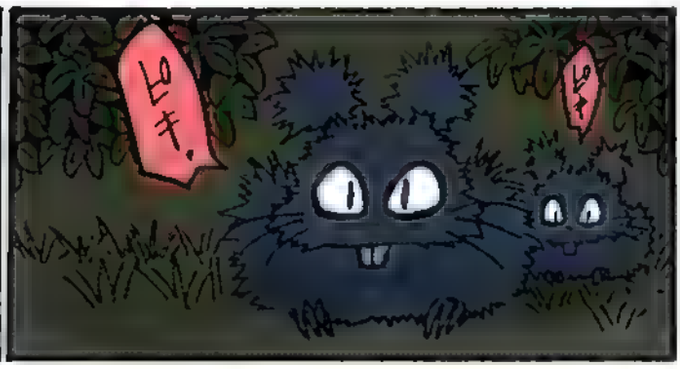

HOLD ON TO THIS FOR ME.

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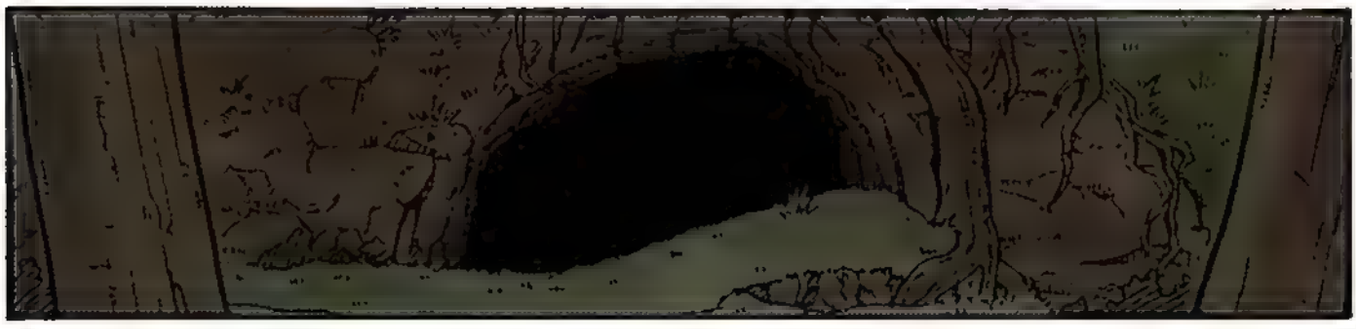

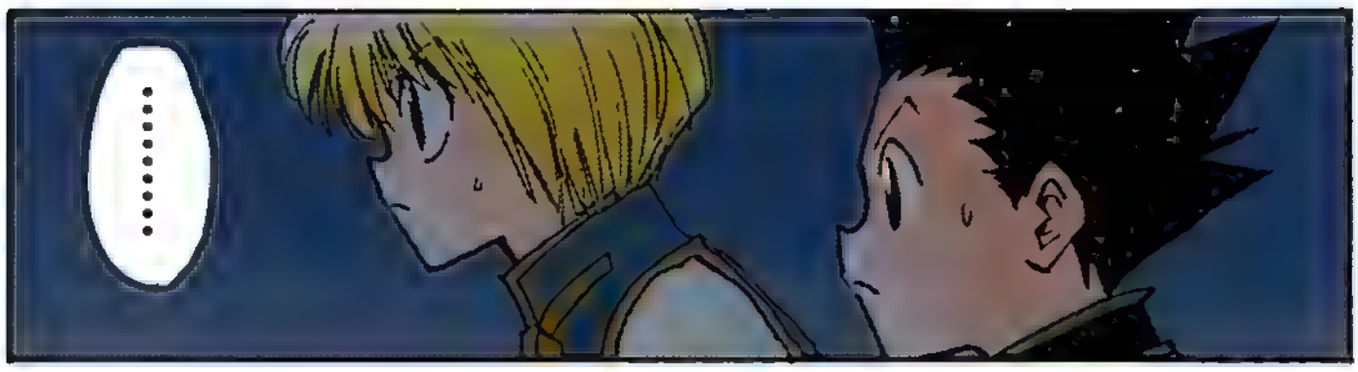
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KURAPIKA!! GON!! DON'T COME IN HERE!!

SNAKES !!

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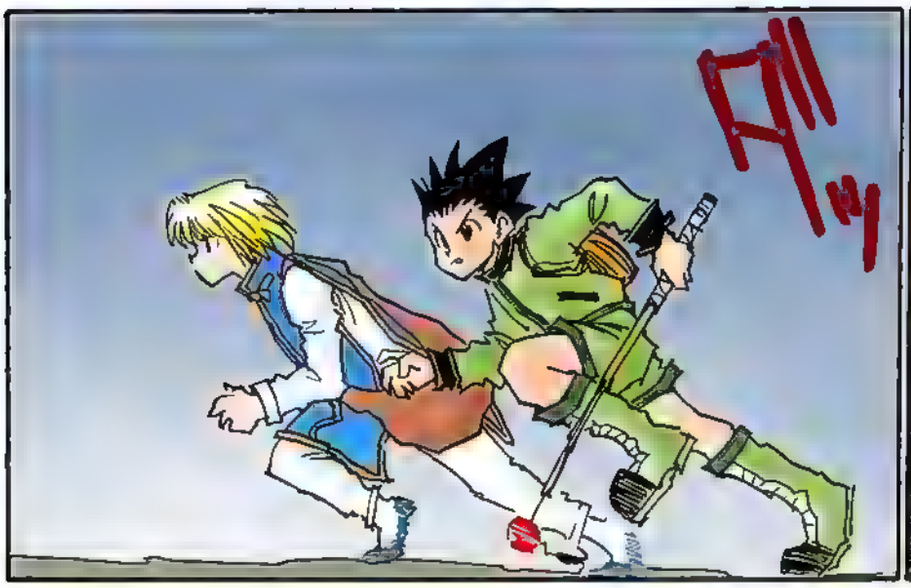

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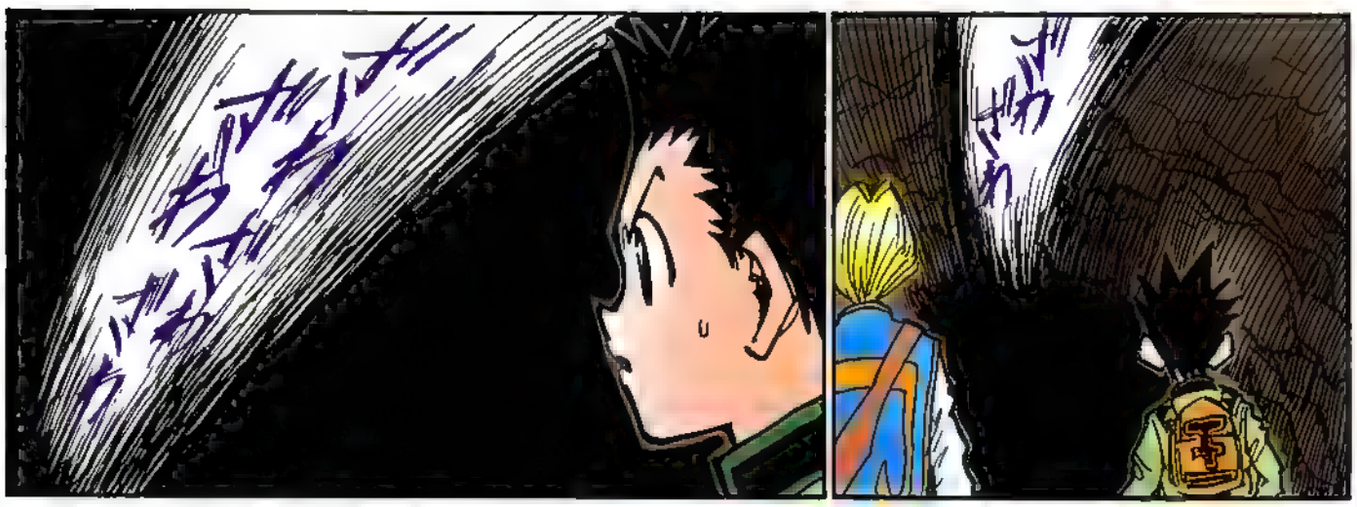

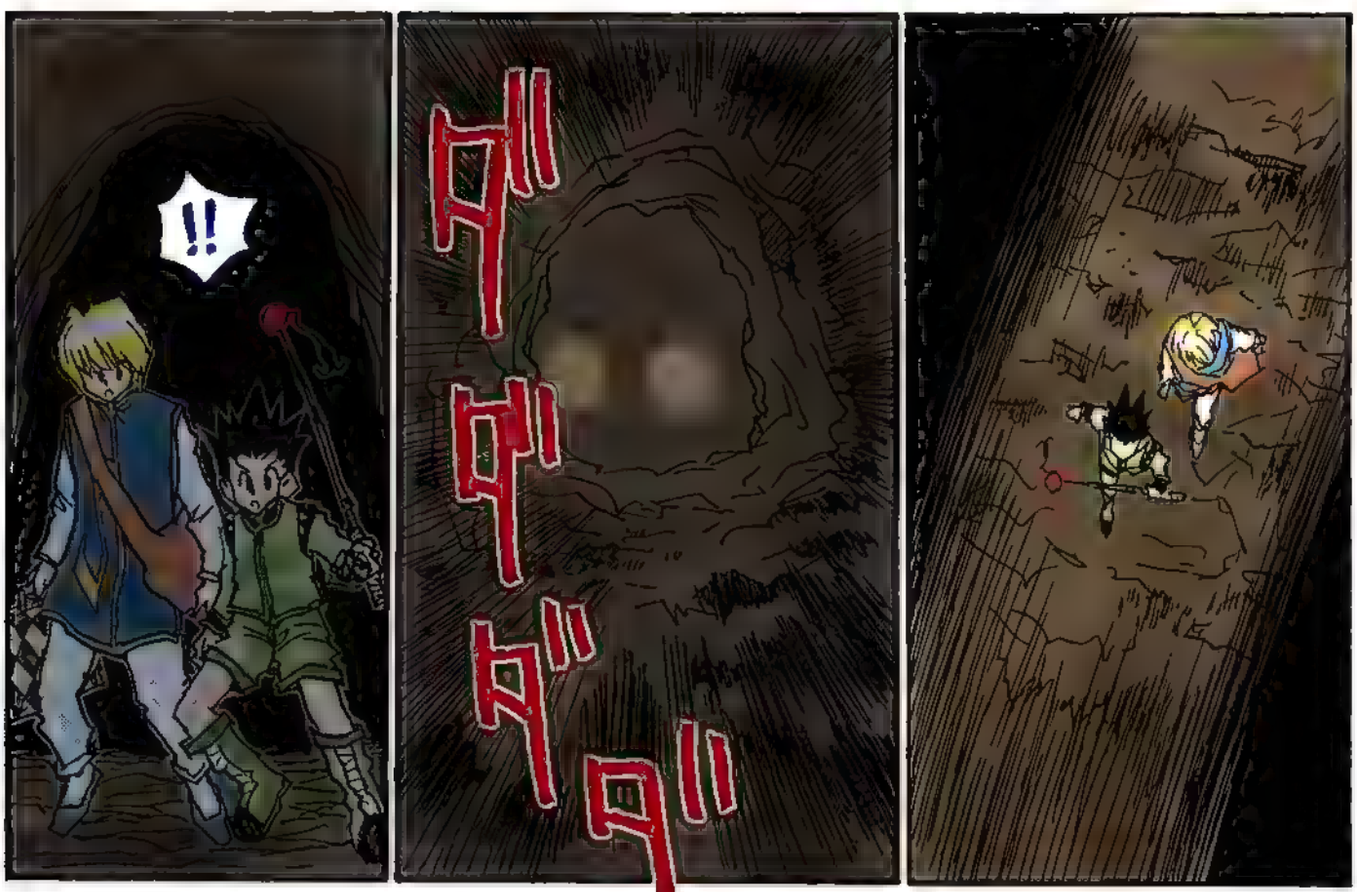
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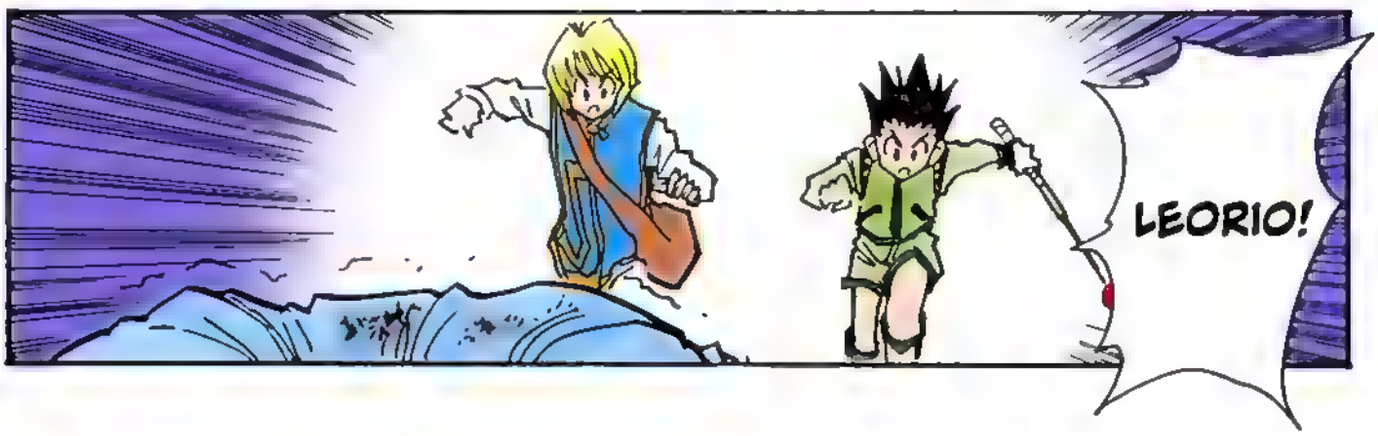
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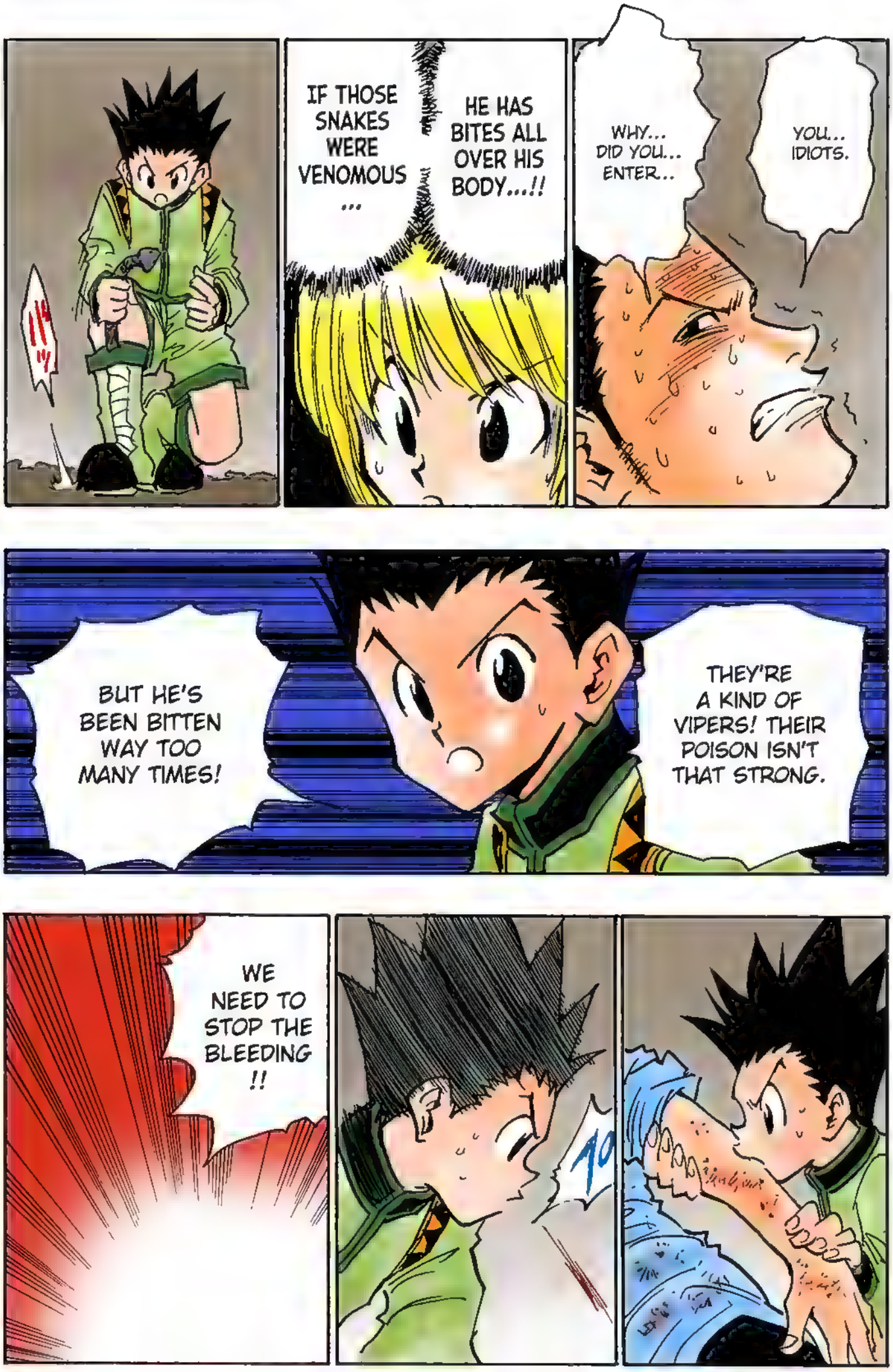
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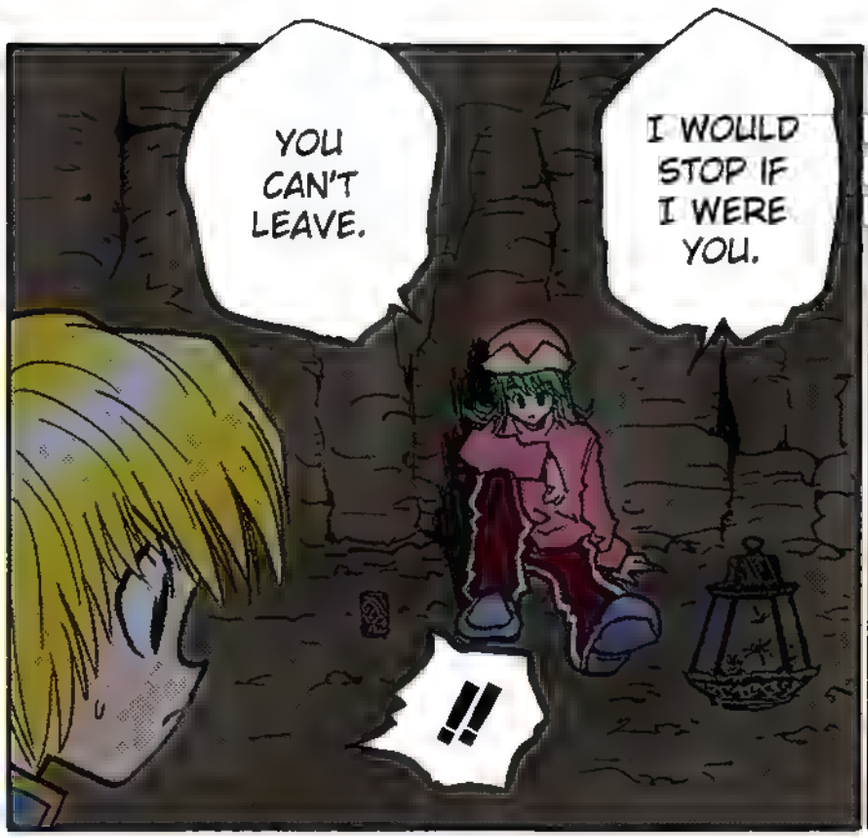
IF THOSE SNAKES WERE VENOMOUS ...
HE HAS BITES ALL OVER HIS BODY...!!
WHY... DID YOU... ENTER...
YOU... IDIOTS.
BUT HE'S BEEN BITTEN WAY TOO MANY TIMES!
THEY'RE A KIND OF VIPERS! THEIR POISON ISN'T THAT STRONG.
WE NEED TO STOP THE BLEEDING !!


YOU CAN'T LEAVE.
I WOULD STOP IF I WERE YOU.
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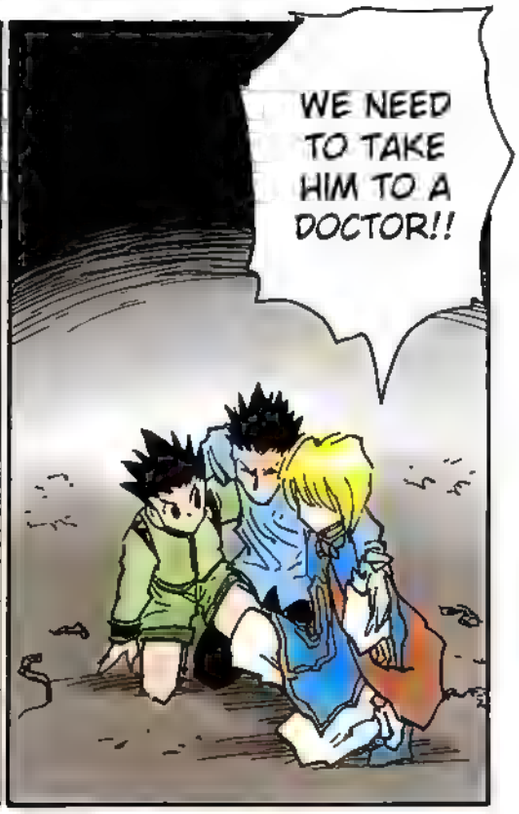
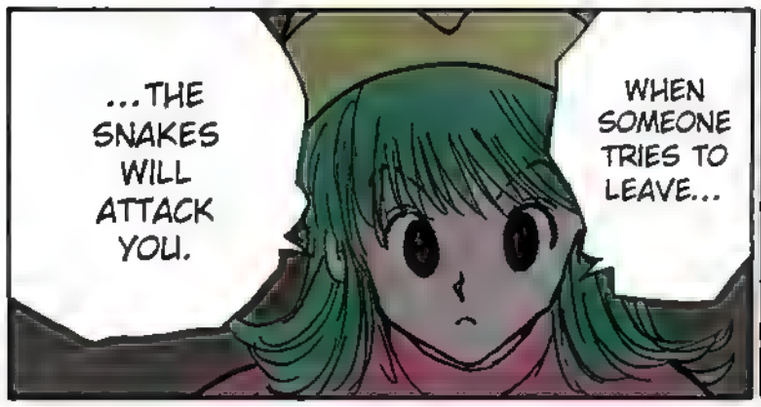
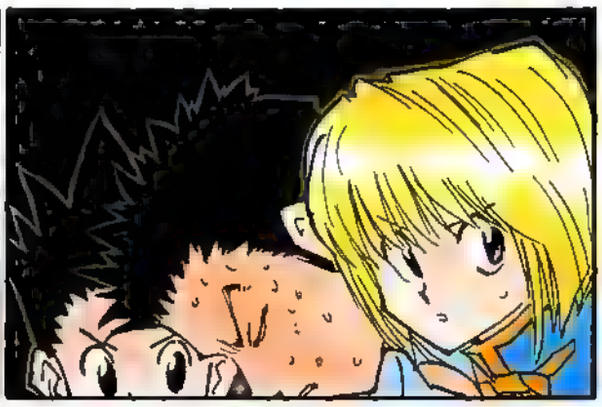
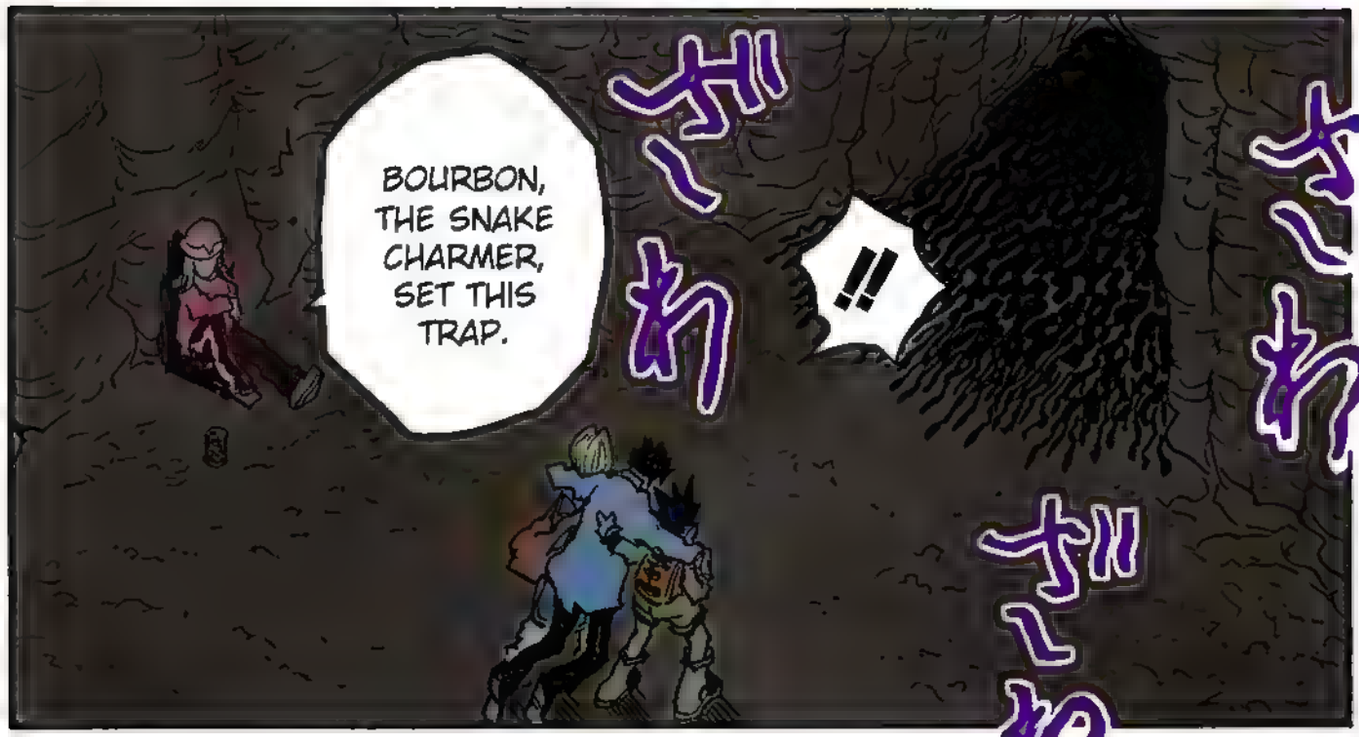

WE NEED TO TAKE HIM TO A DOCTOR!!


...THE SNAKES WILL ATTACK YOU.
WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO LEAVE...




BOURBON, THE SNAKE CHARMER, SET THIS TRAP.
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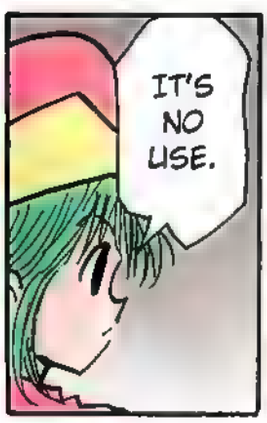
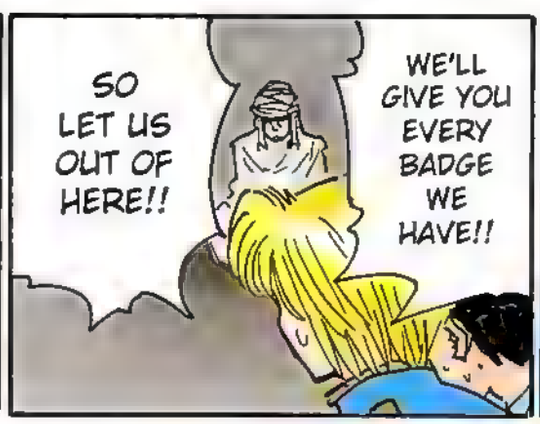
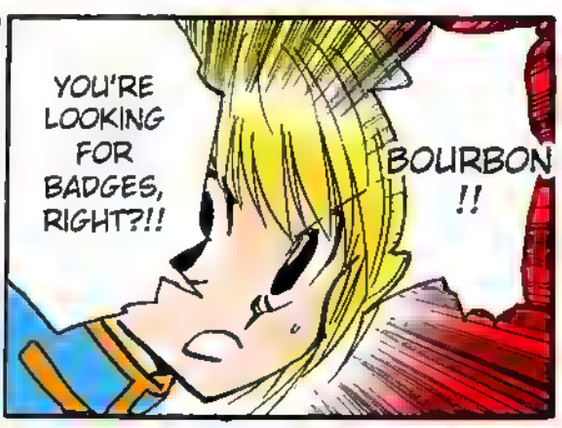
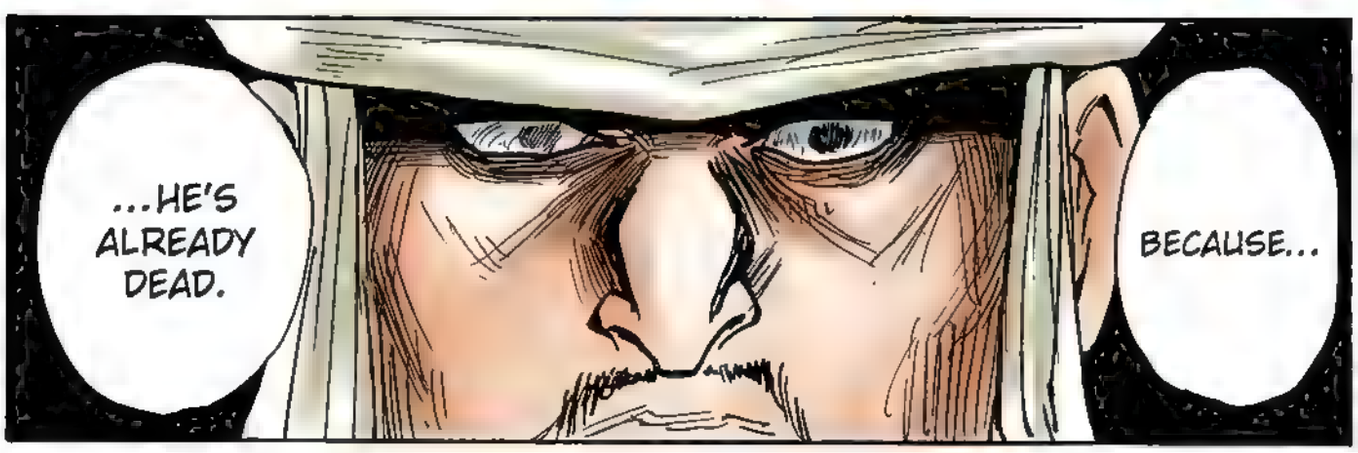
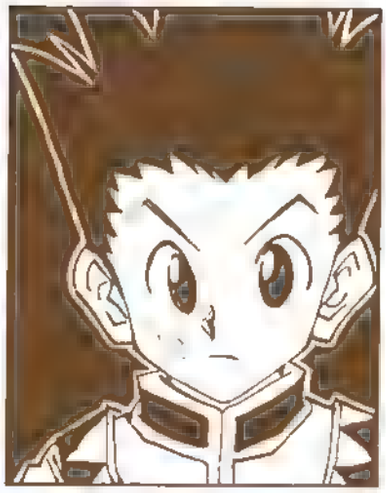
IF YOU'RE BITTEN...
...YOU'LL END UP PARALYZED LIKE HE IS AND THEN YOU'LL DIE.


IT'S NO USE.


SO LET US OUT OF HERE!!
WE'LL GIVE YOU EVERY BADGE WE HAVE!!


YOU'RE LOOKING FOR BADGES, RIGHT?!!
BOURBON !!


...HE'S ALREADY DEAD.
BECAUSE...



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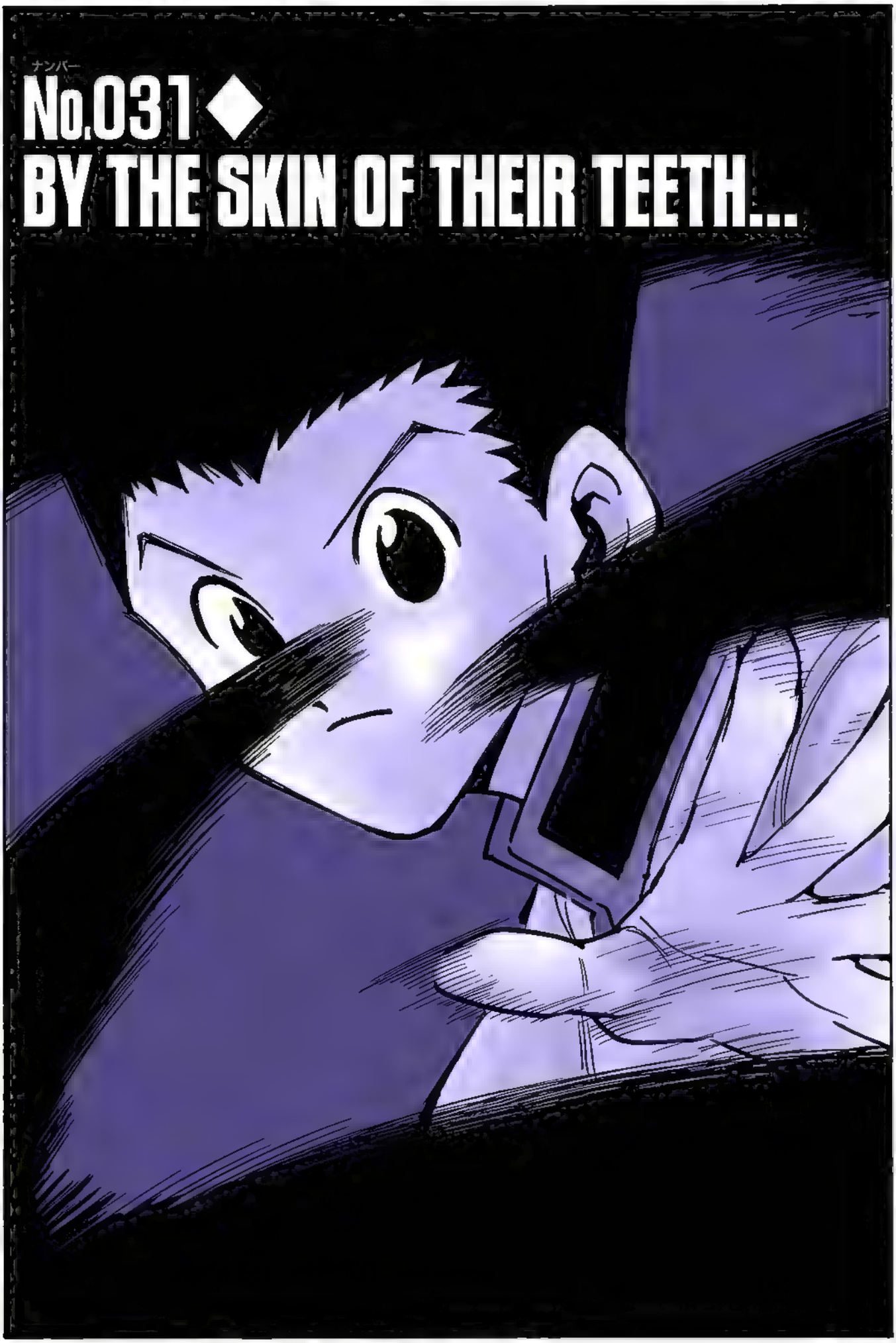
BY THE SKIN OF THEIR TEETH...



HE'S DEAD?

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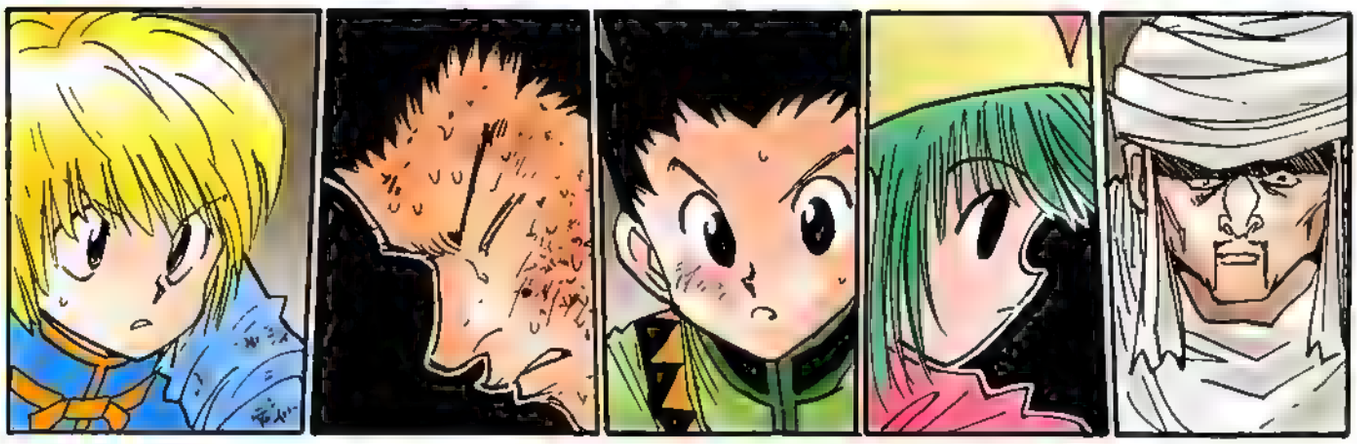
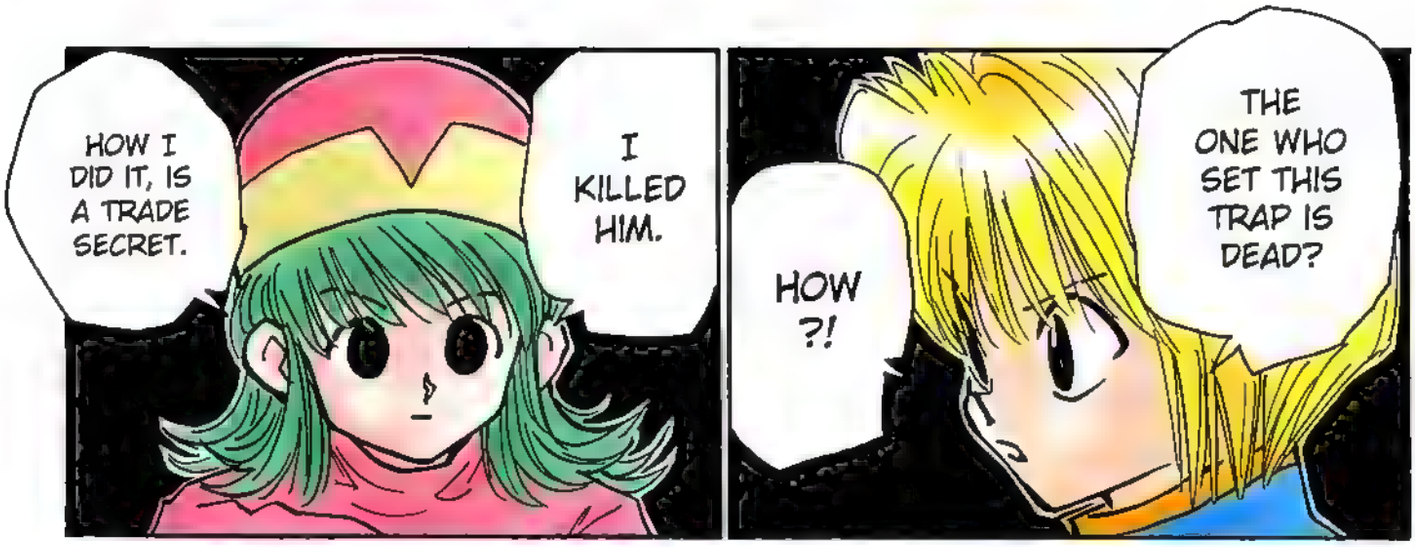
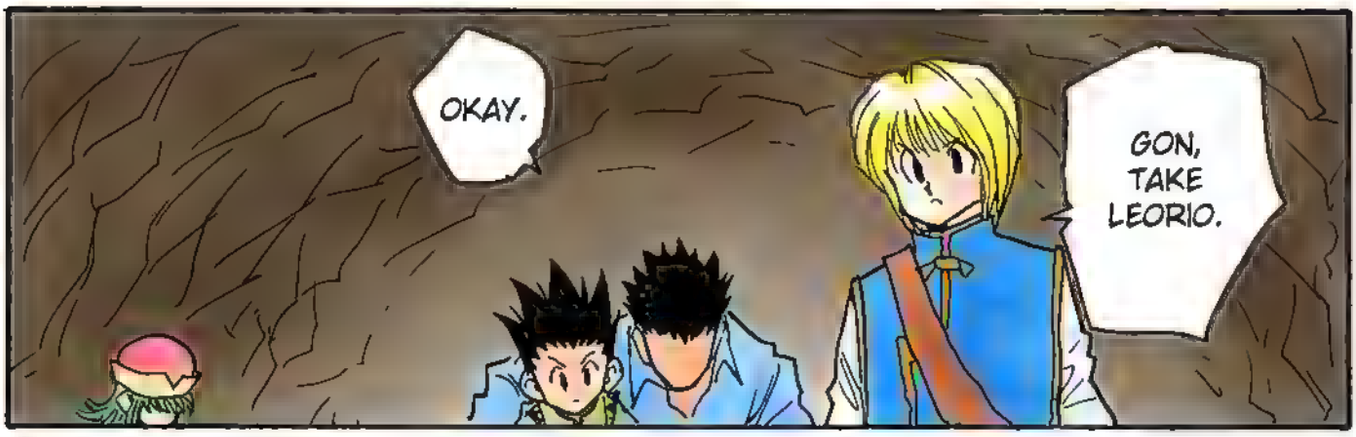
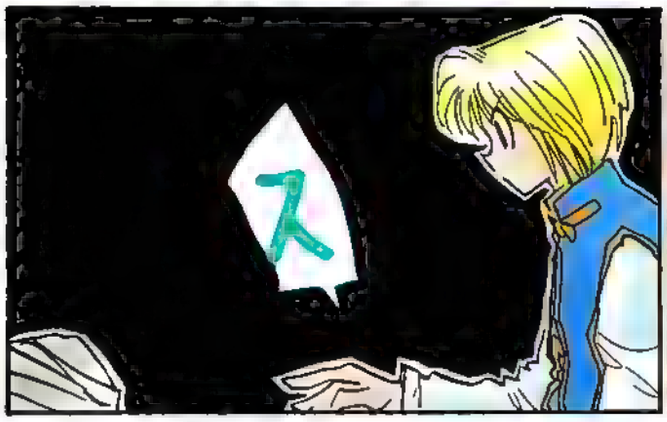
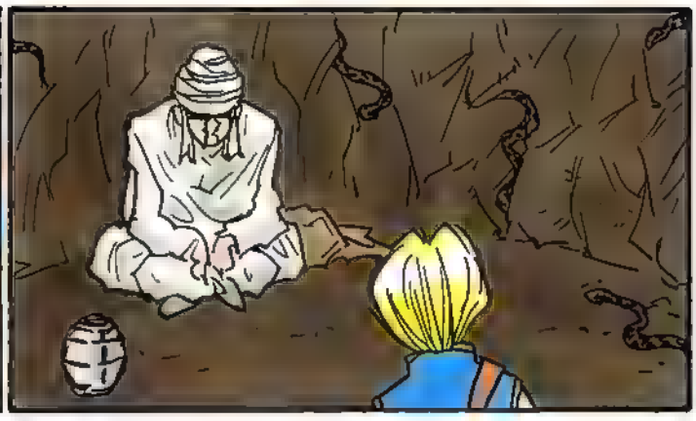
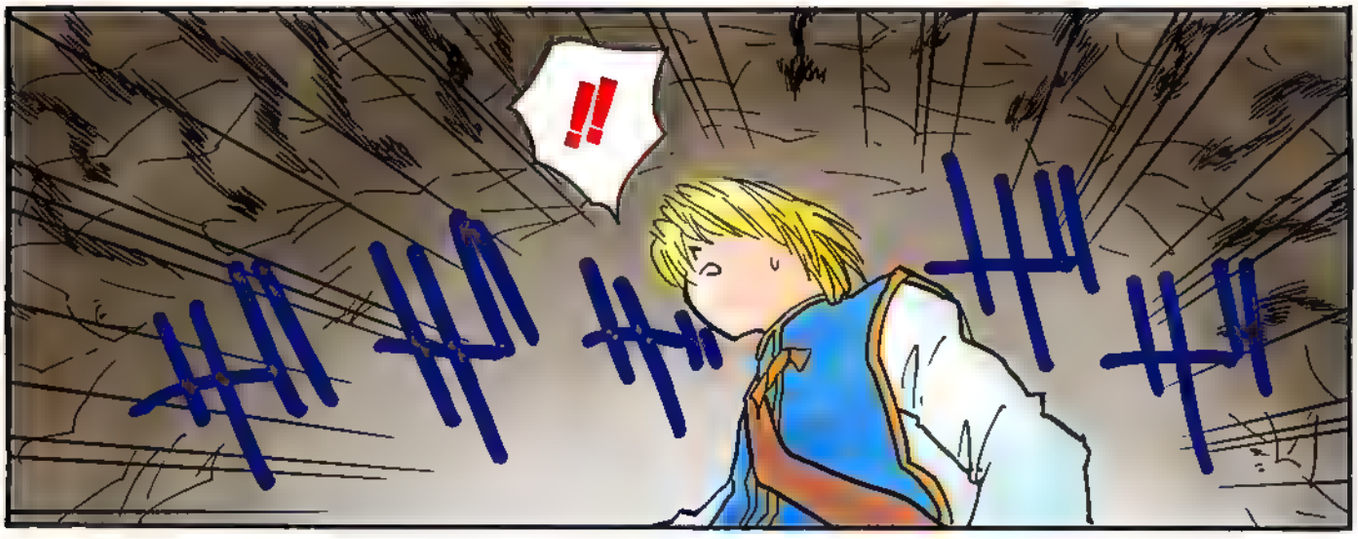



HOW I DID IT, IS A TRADE SECRET.
I KILLED HIM.
HOW ?!
THE ONE WHO SET THIS TRAP IS DEAD?


OKAY.
GON, TAKE LEORIO.



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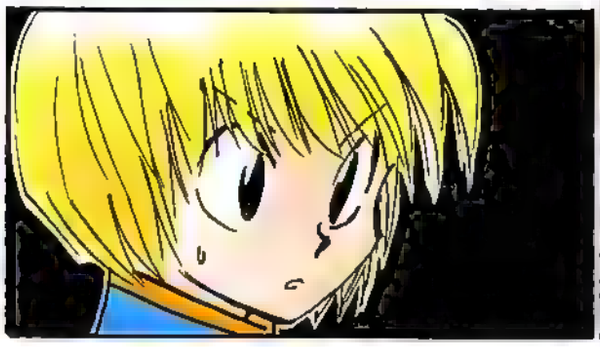

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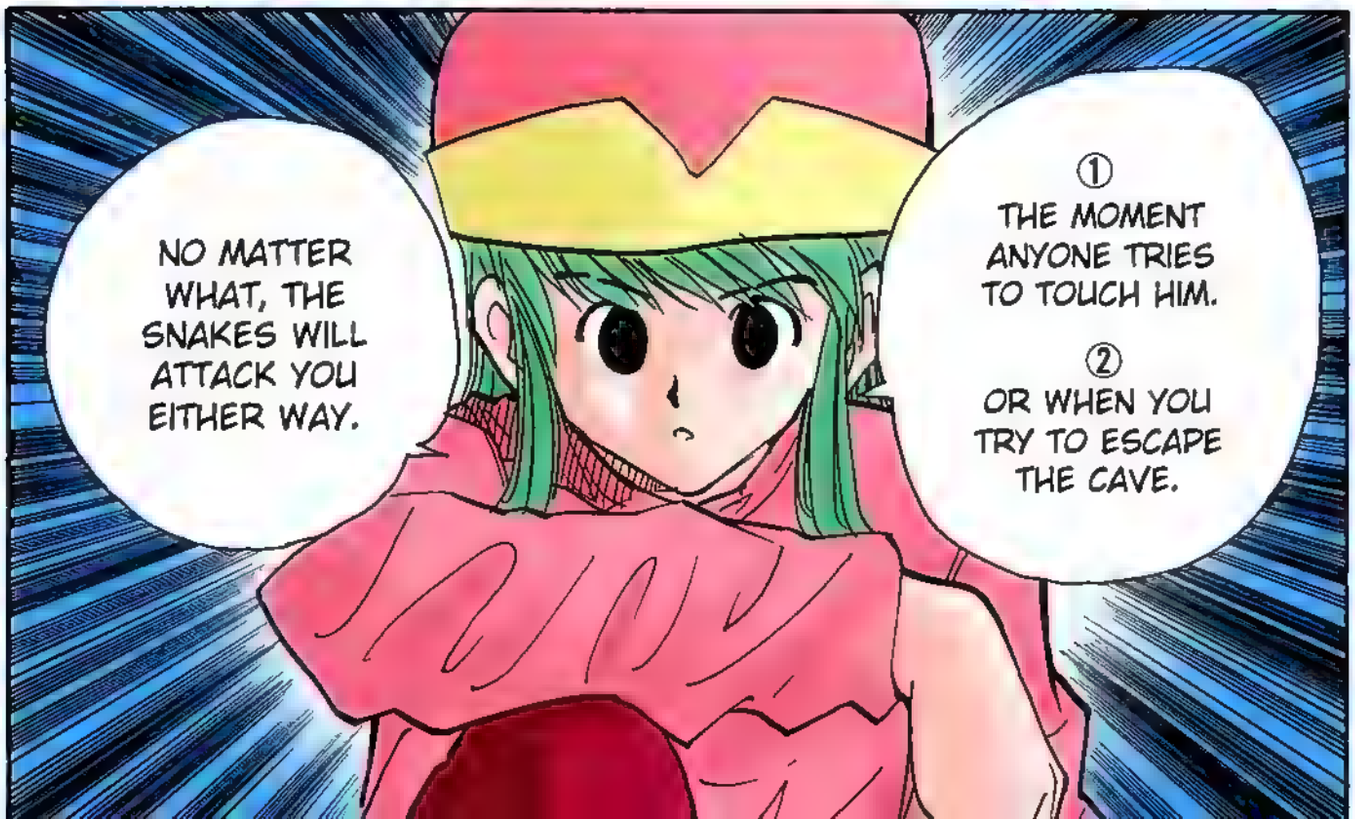
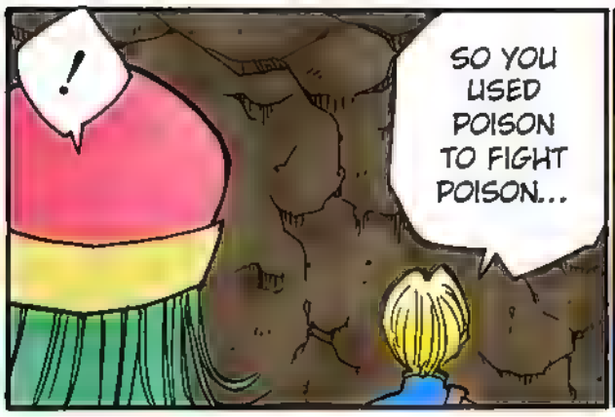
THE SNAKES ARE TRAINED TO ATTACK.
IT'S NO USE. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEARCH HIM.


NO MATTER WHAT, THE SNAKES WILL ATTACK YOU EITHER WAY.
① THE MOMENT ANYONE TRIES TO TOUCH HIM.
② OR WHEN YOU TRY TO ESCAPE THE CAVE.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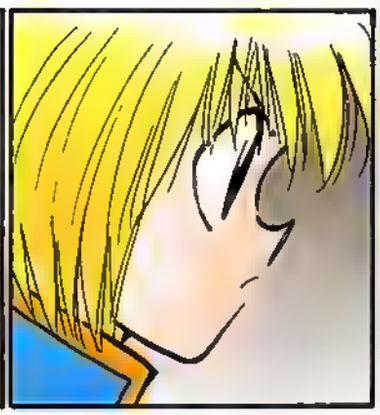
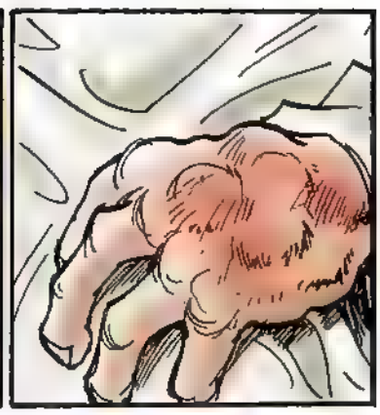
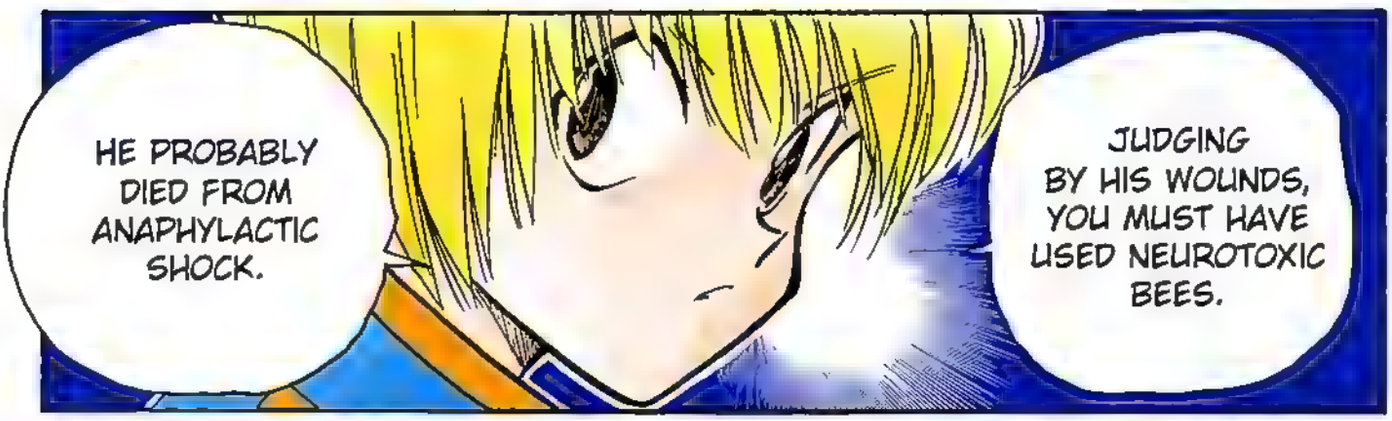
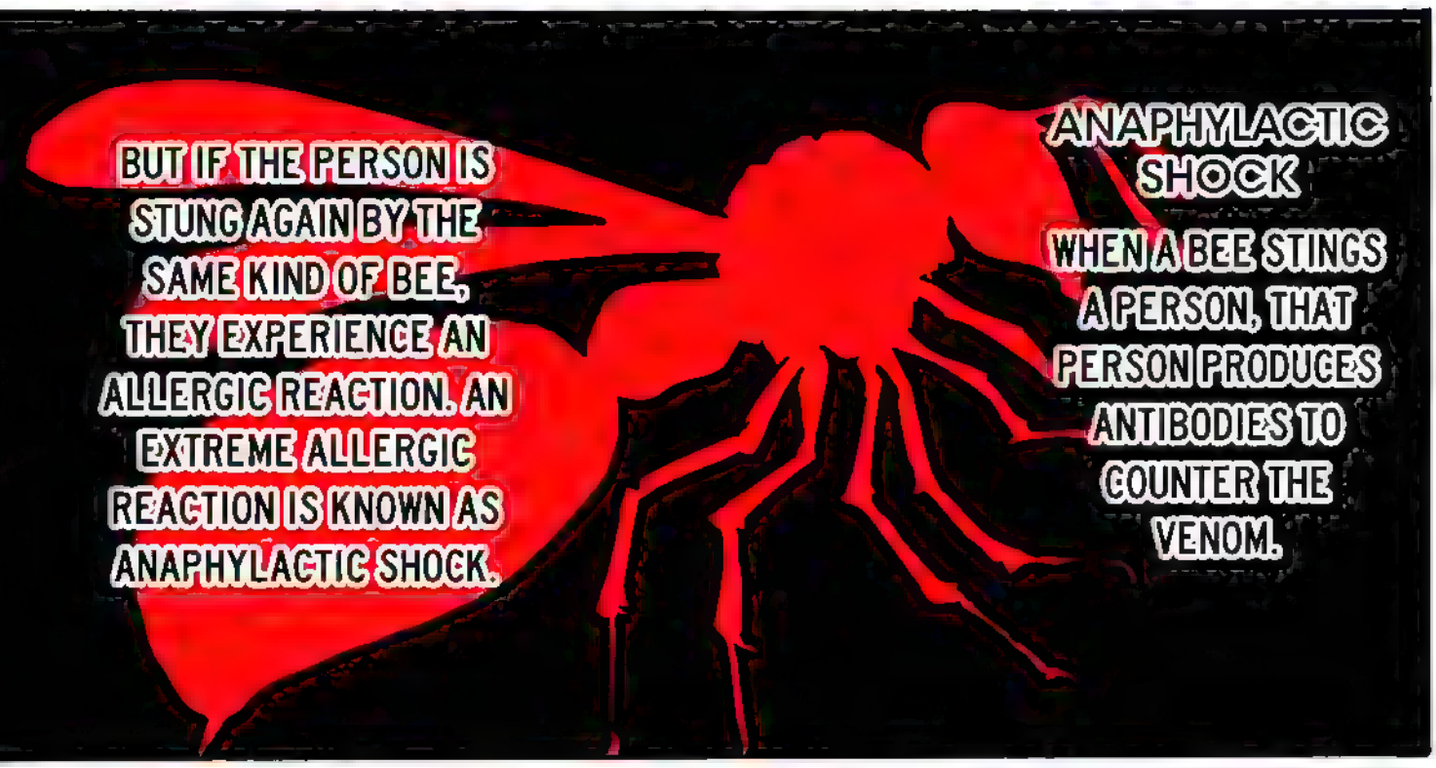
SO YOU USED POISON TO FIGHT POISON...

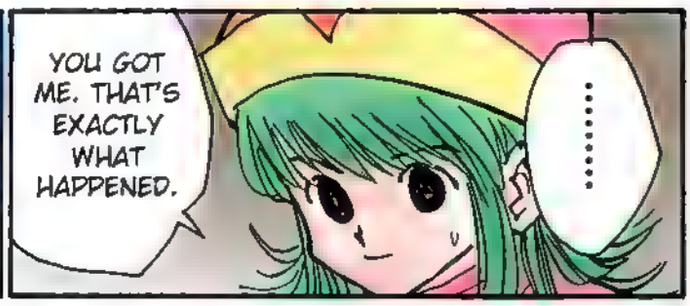





HE PROBABLY DIED FROM ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK.
JUDGING BY HIS WOUNDS, YOU MUST HAVE USED NEUROTOXIC BEES.


BUT IF THE PERSON IS STUNG AGAIN BY THE SAME KIND OF BEE, THEY EXPERIENCE AN ALLERGIC REACTION. AN EXTREME ALLERGIC REACTION IS KNOWN AS ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK.
ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK
WHEN A BEE STINGS A PERSON, THAT PERSON PRODUCES ANTIBODIES TO COUNTER THE VENOM.

BOURBON WAS MY TARGET.


YOU GOT ME. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.
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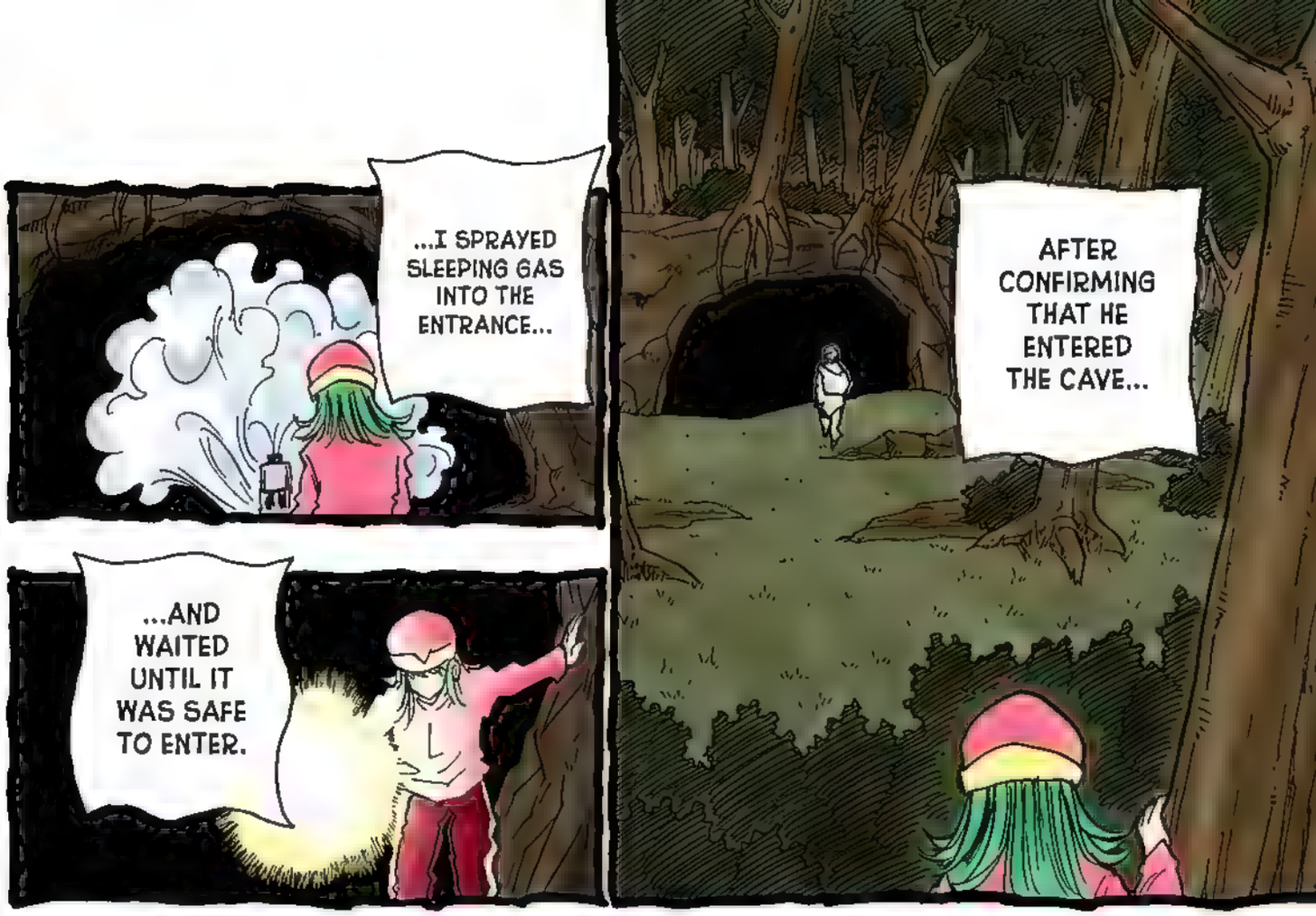
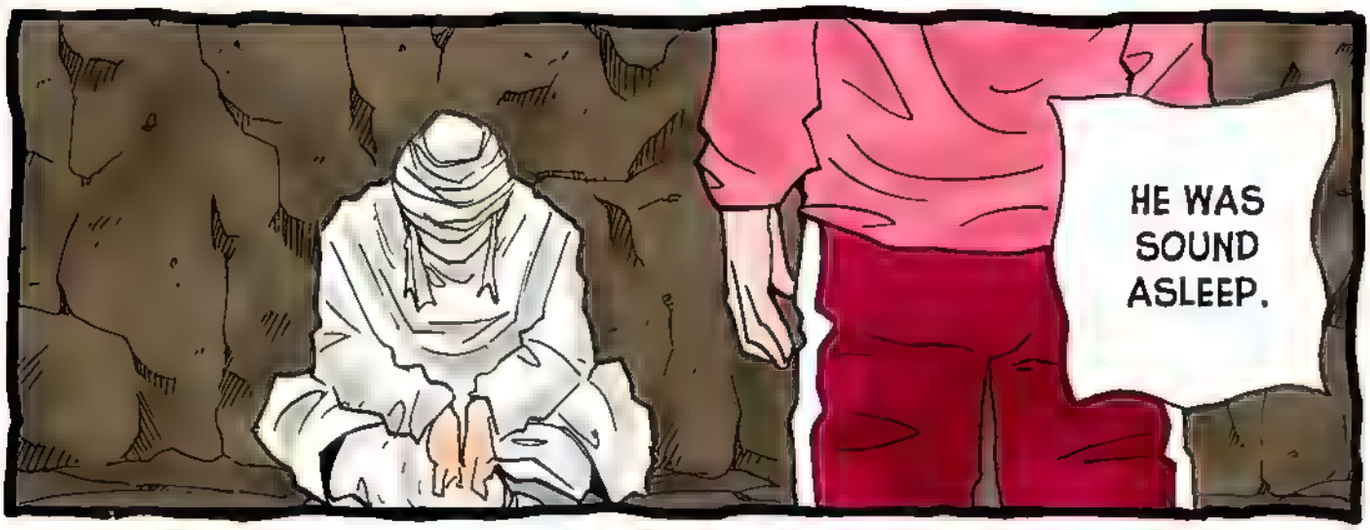
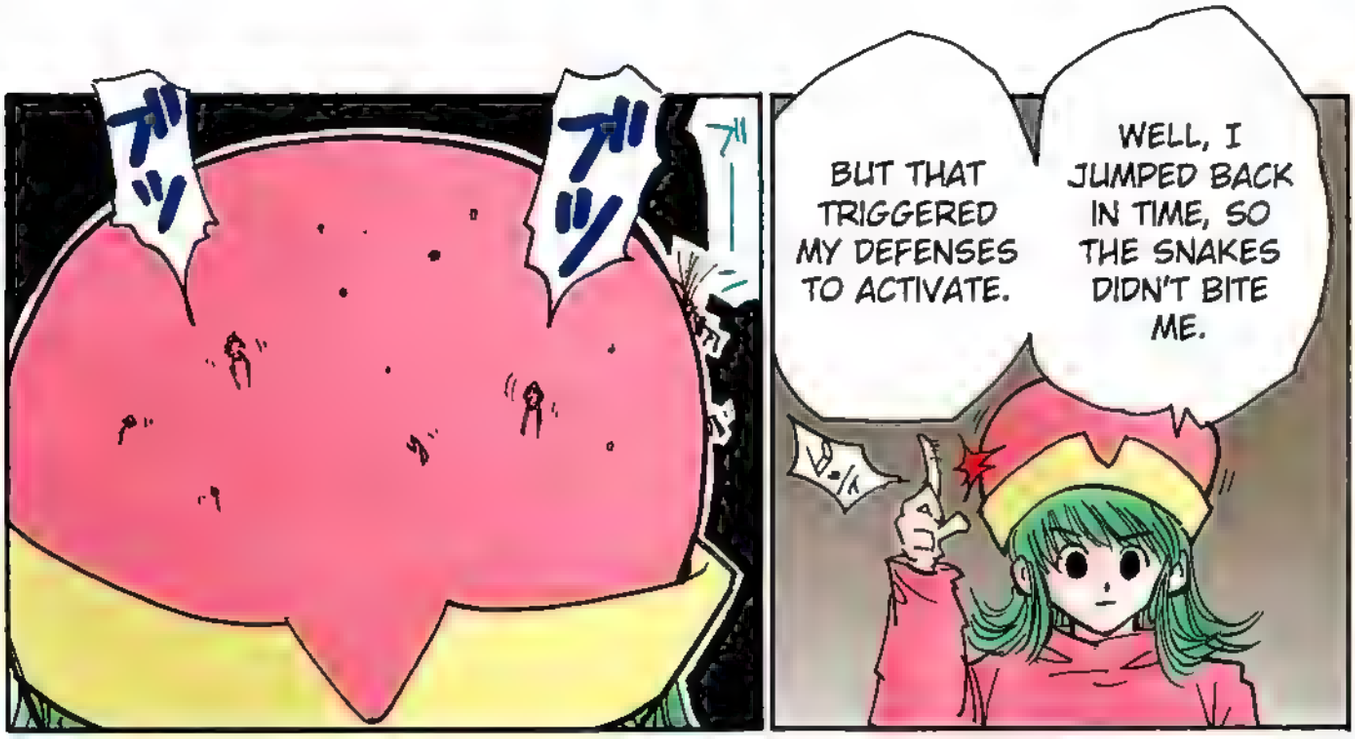
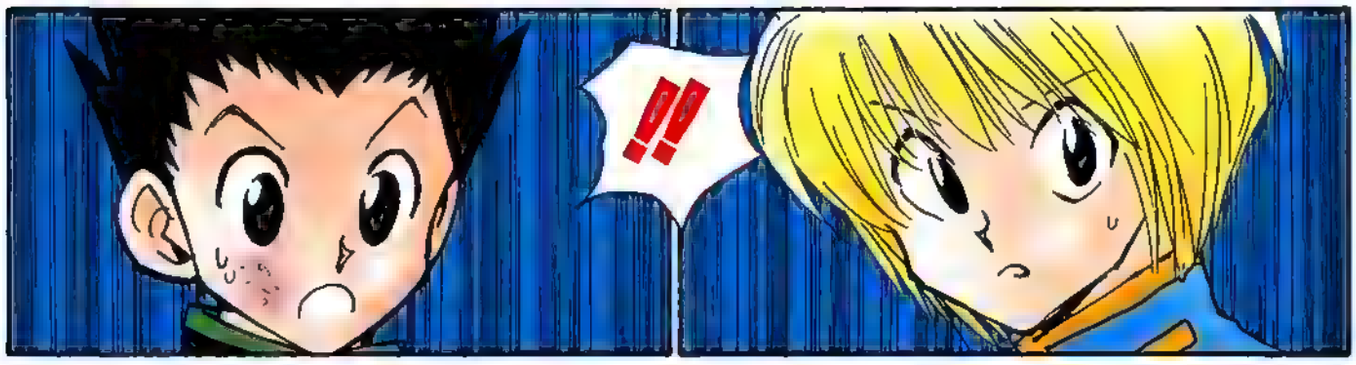

...I SPRAYED SLEEPING GAS INTO THE ENTRANCE...
AFTER CONFIRMING THAT HE ENTERED THE CAVE...
...AND WAITED UNTIL IT WAS SAFE TO ENTER.


HE WAS SOUND ASLEEP.

WHEN I TRIED TO TAKE HIS BADGE, ALL THE SNAKES CAME POURING DOWN ON ME FROM THE CEILING.
THE SLEEPING GAS DIDN'T REACH MOST OF THE SNAKES THAT WERE HIDING IN THE CREVICES AT THE BACK OF THE CAVE.

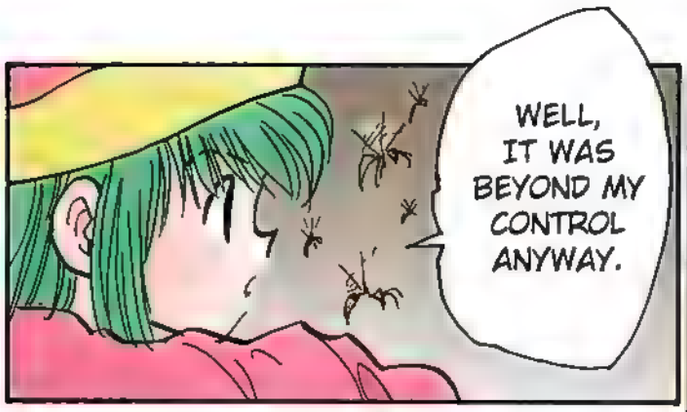
BUT HE'D ALREADY SET HIS TRAP.

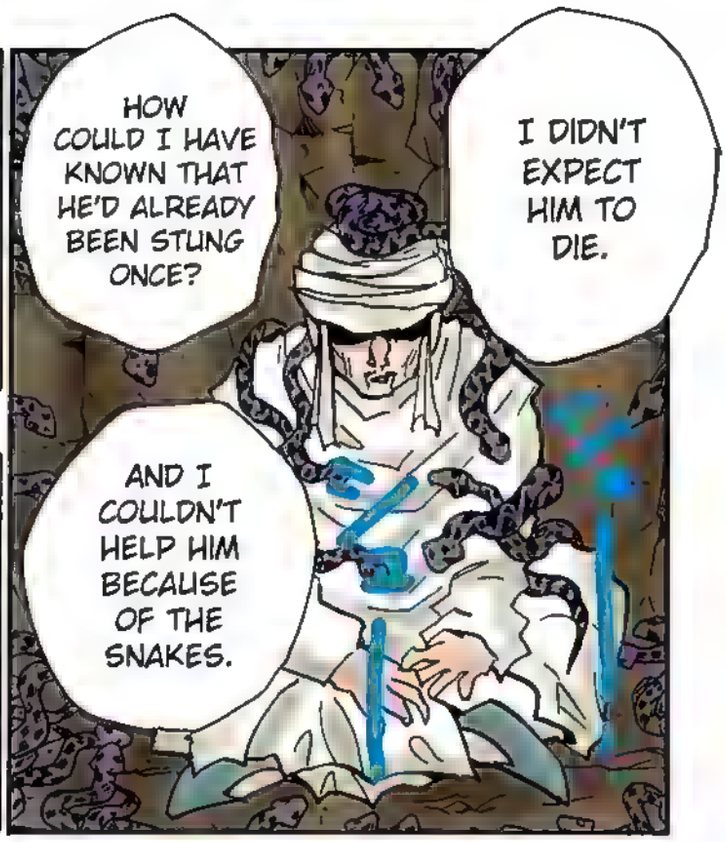




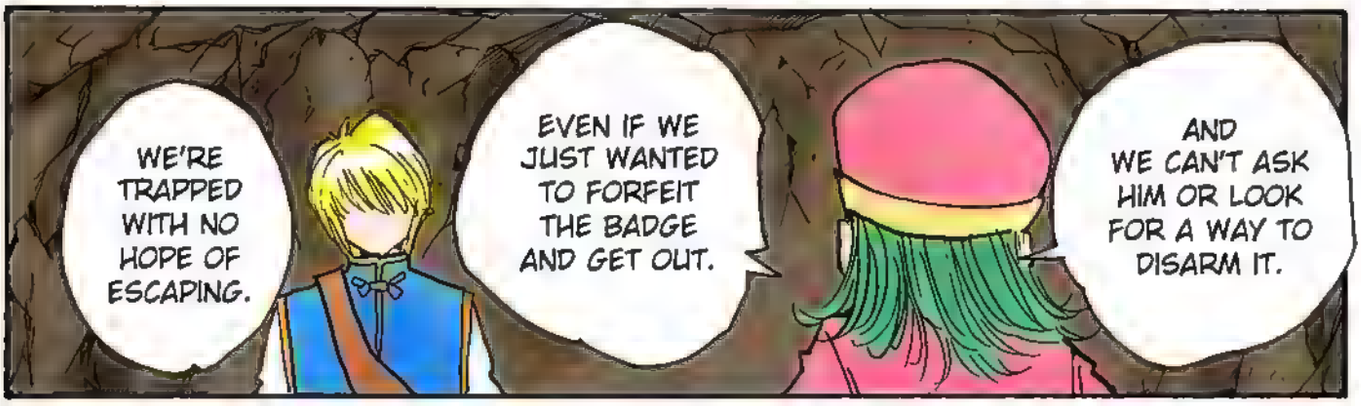
IF I'M EVER STARTLED OR HAPPEN TO COLLAPSE...

...THESE LITTLE GUYS WILL ATTACK ANYONE NEARBY.


WELL, IT WAS BEYOND MY CONTROL ANYWAY.

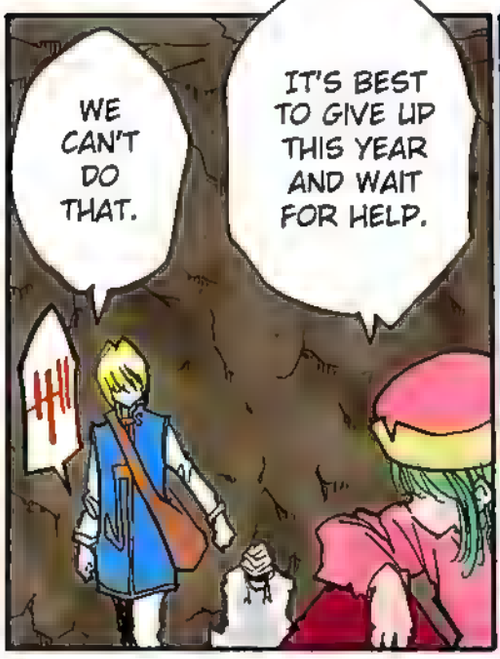

HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN THAT HE'D ALREADY BEEN STUNG ONCE?
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO DIE.
AND I COULDN'T HELP HIM BECAUSE OF THE SNAKES.

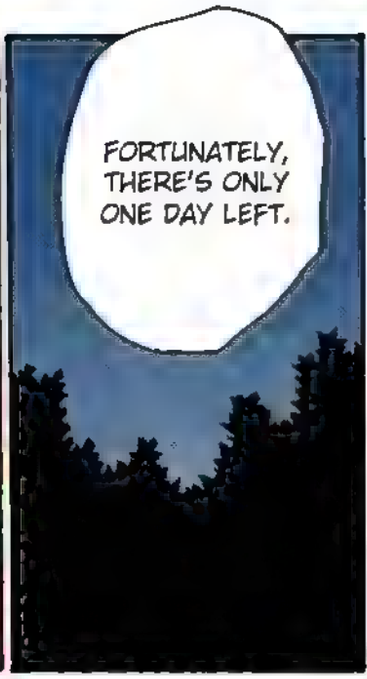
YOU CAN COME BACK NOW.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT HE'S DEAD, BUT THE VIPER TRAP IS STILL ACTIVE.

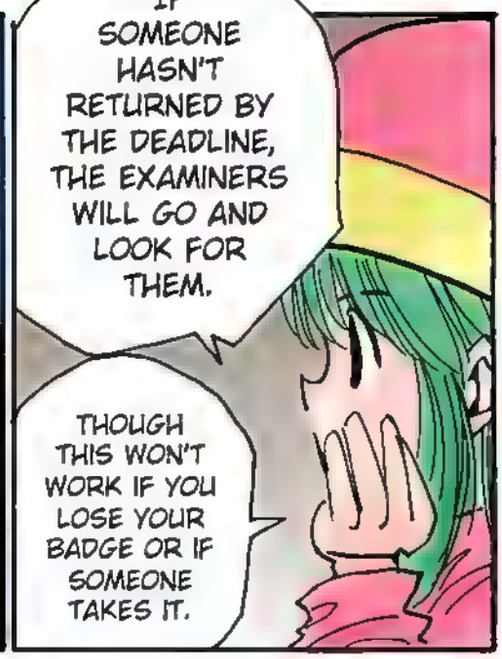

WE'RE TRAPPED WITH NO HOPE OF ESCAPING.
EVEN IF WE JUST WANTED TO FORFEIT THE BADGE AND GET OUT.
AND WE CAN'T ASK HIM OR LOOK FOR A WAY TO DISARM IT.

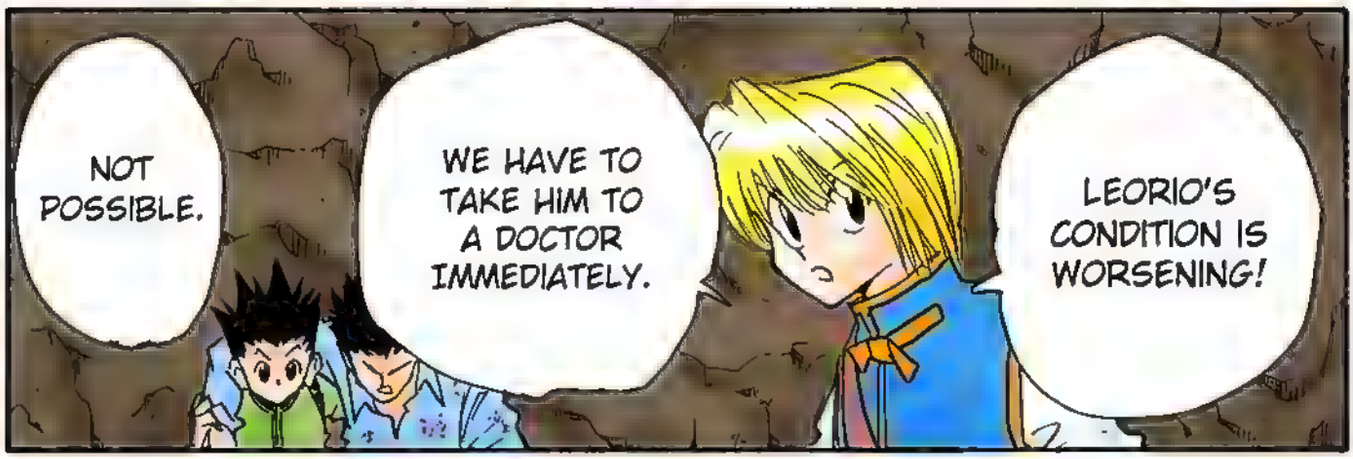
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? OUR ID BADGES CONTAIN TRACKING DEVICES.
THE EXAMINERS CAN LOCATE EACH APPLICANT.

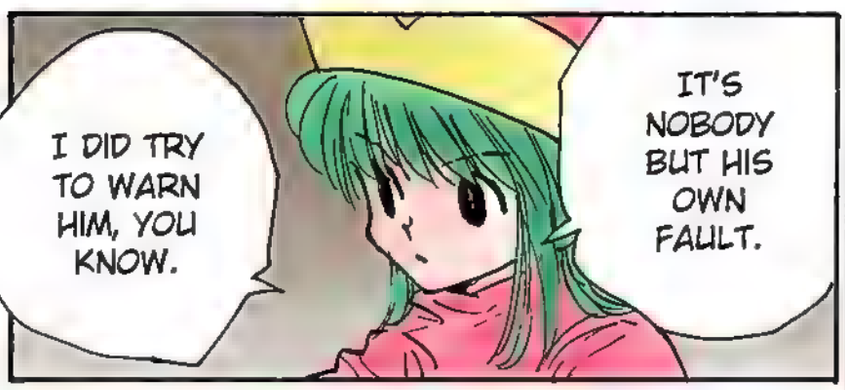
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP.
WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE EXAM COMMITTEE TO COME AND SAVE US.


WE CAN'T DO THAT.
IT'S BEST TO GIVE UP THIS YEAR AND WAIT FOR HELP.


FORTUNATELY, THERE'S ONLY ONE DAY LEFT.


IF SOMEONE HASN'T RETURNED BY THE DEADLINE, THE EXAMINERS WILL GO AND LOOK FOR THEM.
THOUGH THIS WON'T WORK IF YOU LOSE YOUR BADGE OR IF SOMEONE TAKES IT.


NOT POSSIBLE.
WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM TO A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.
LEORIO'S CONDITION IS WORSENING!


I DID TRY TO WARN HIM, YOU KNOW.
IT'S NOBODY BUT HIS OWN FAULT.

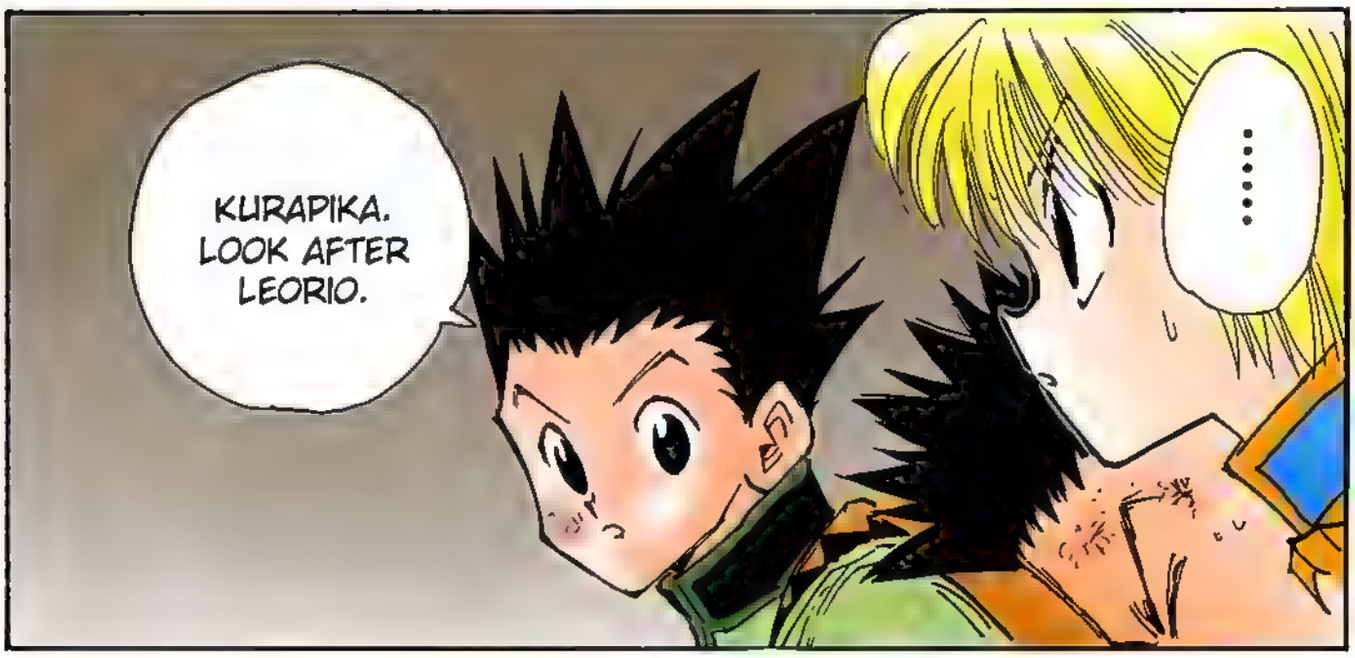
IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR BADGE, YOU'LL BASICALLY BE LEFT FOR DEAD.
THE EXAMINERS WON'T BUDGE UNTIL IT'S PAST THE DEADLINE.
GOT THAT? ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO HUNTERS ALL THE TIME, AND NOBODY COMES TO SAVE THEM.

SNAKES!
KURAPIKA!! GON!! DON'T COME IN HERE!

BUT IF HE ISN'T CARRYING ANYTHING ON HIM...
...WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER FATALITY.

NO...!! THERE IS STILL A WAY...
WITH A HIGH CHANCE OF SUCCESS...

ALL YOU CAN DO IS PRAY...
...THAT HE LASTS UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.


KURAPIKA. LOOK AFTER LEORIO.
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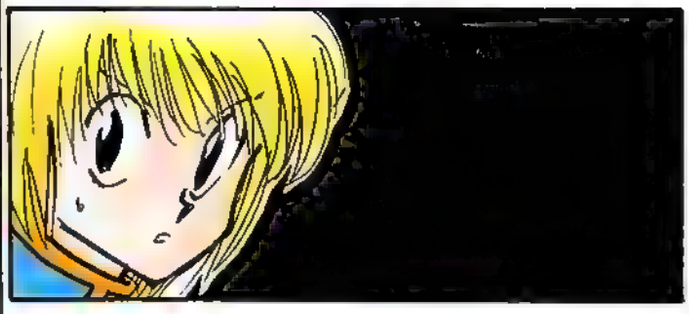
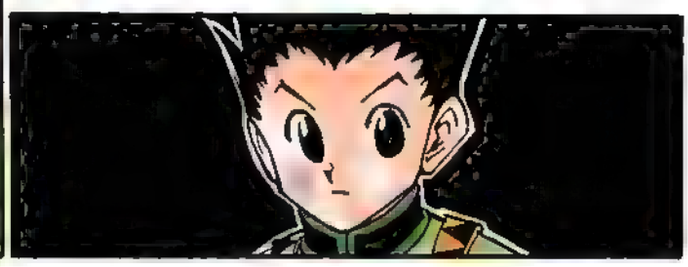
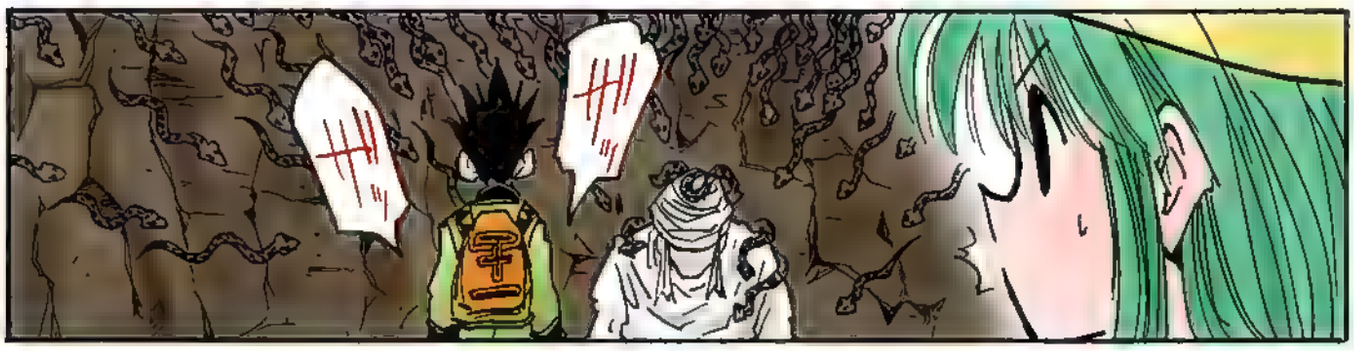
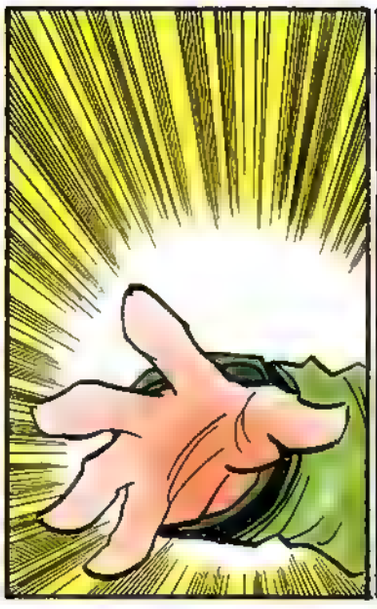
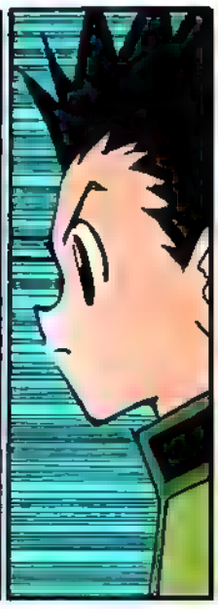
I'M SURE THERE'S A WAY!!



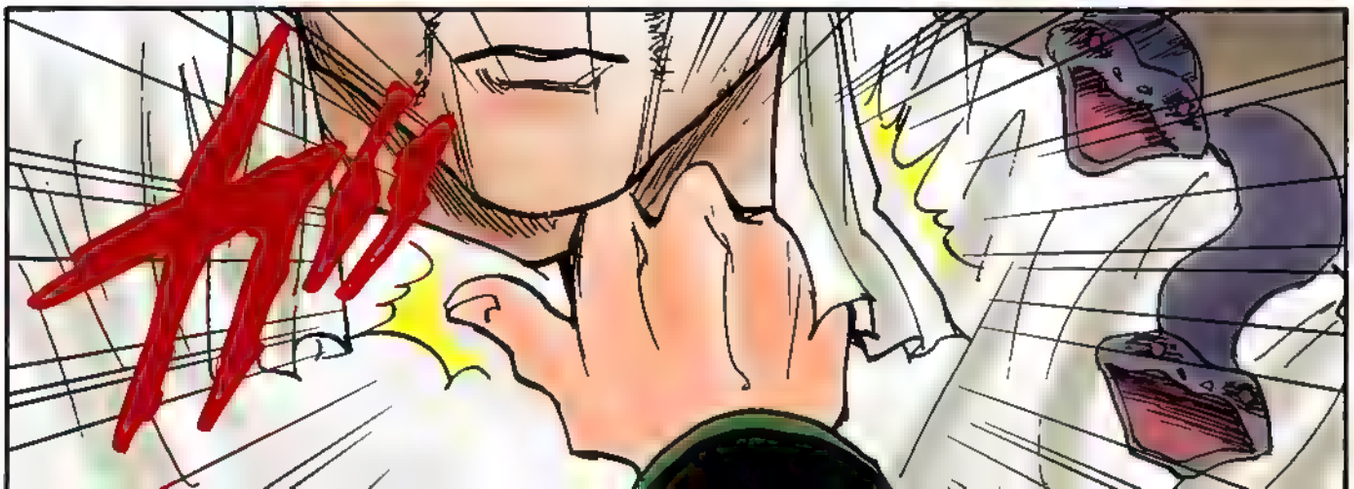


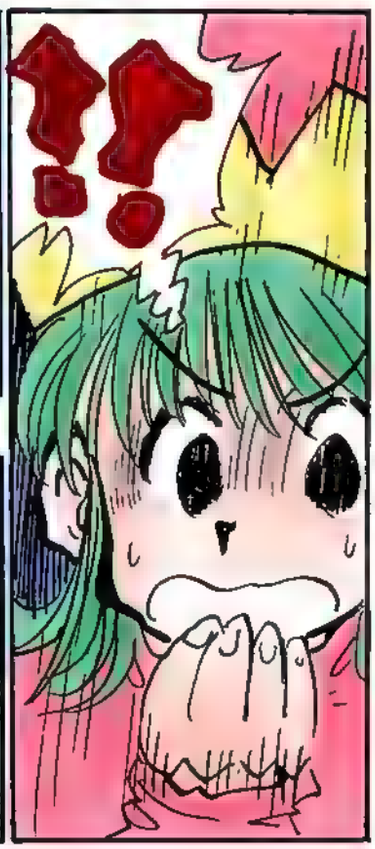






DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?!
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

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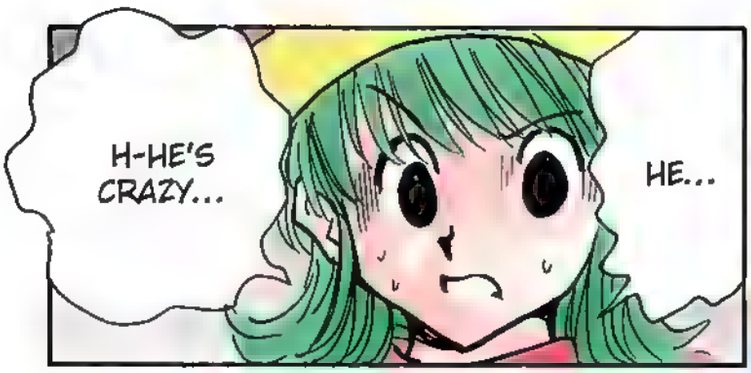

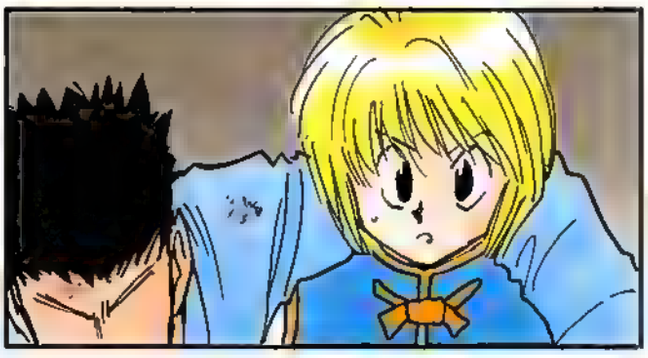

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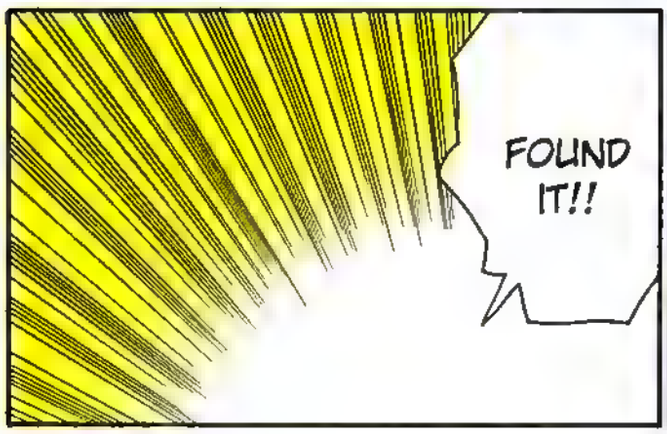

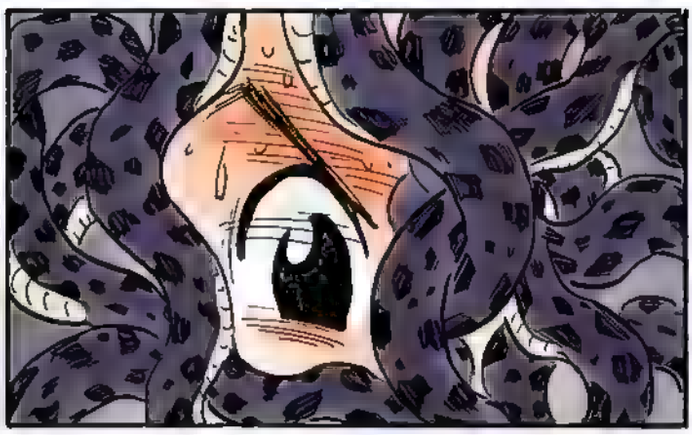

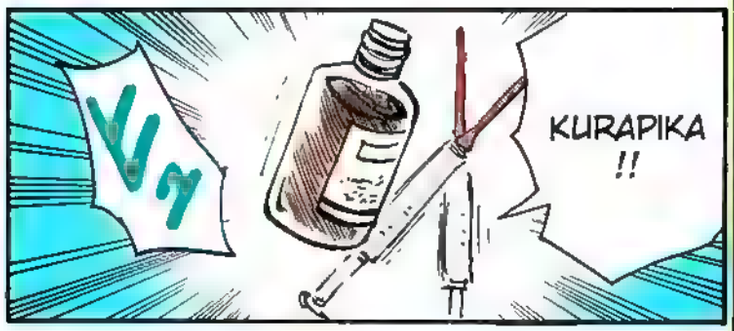
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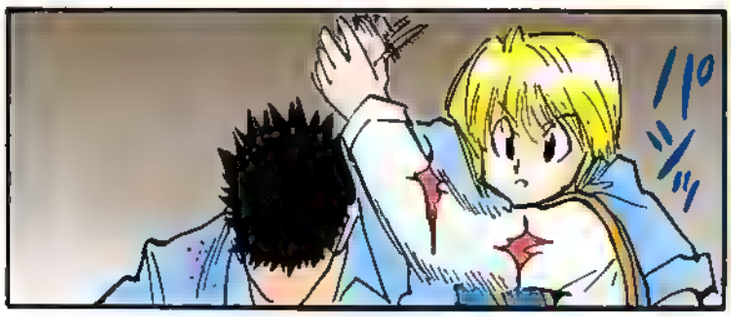
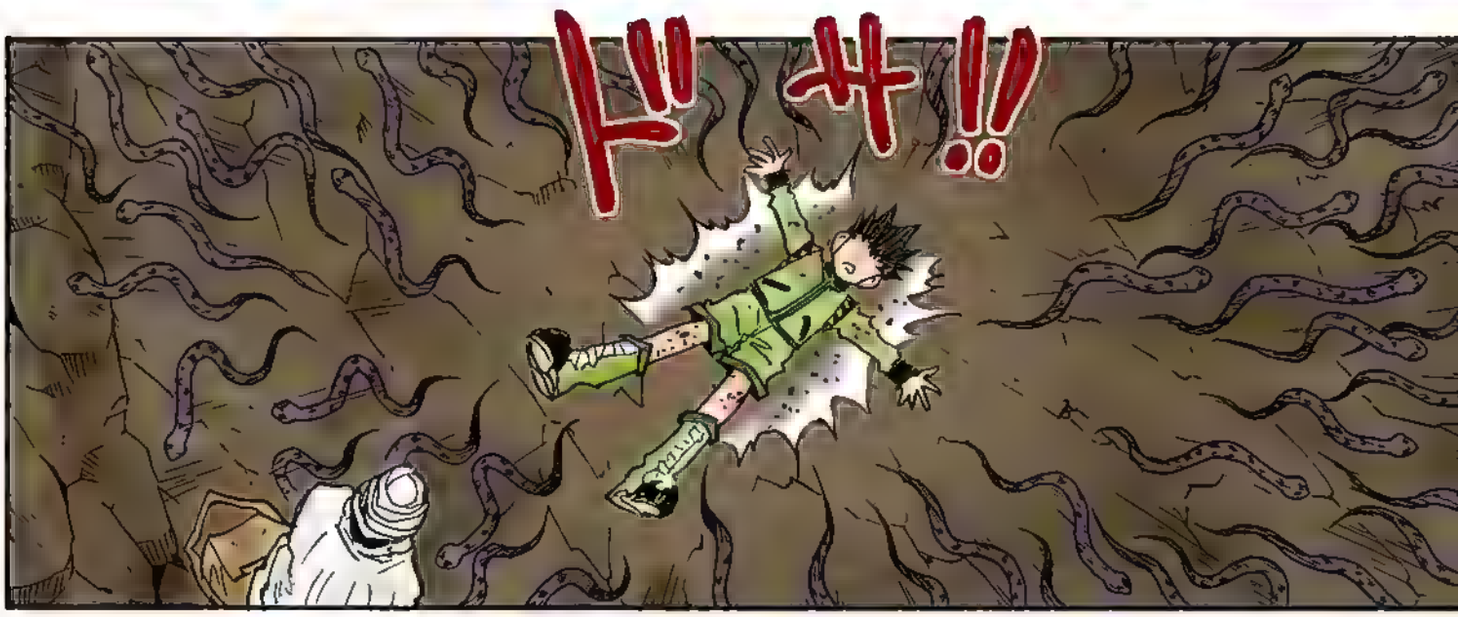
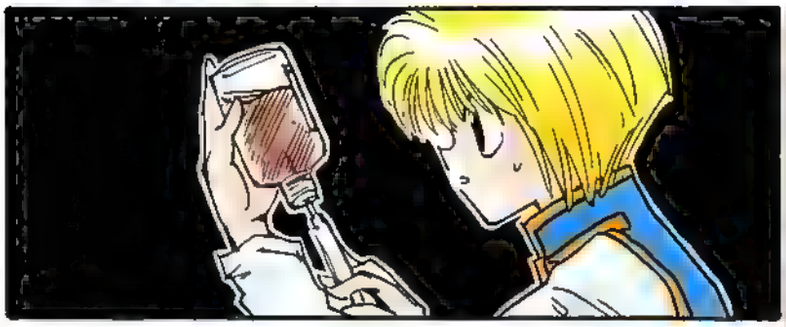
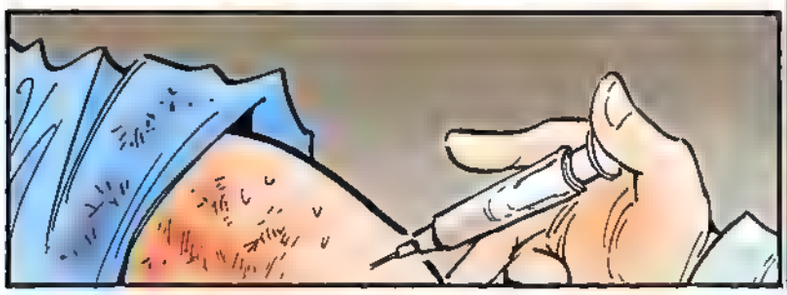
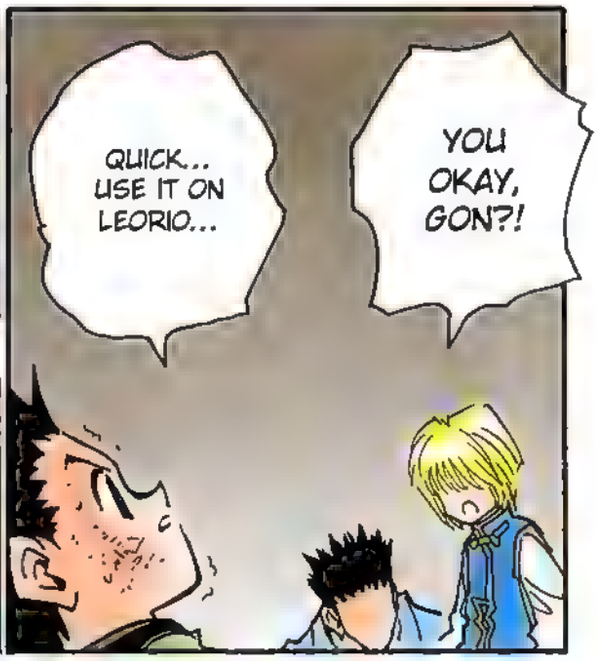
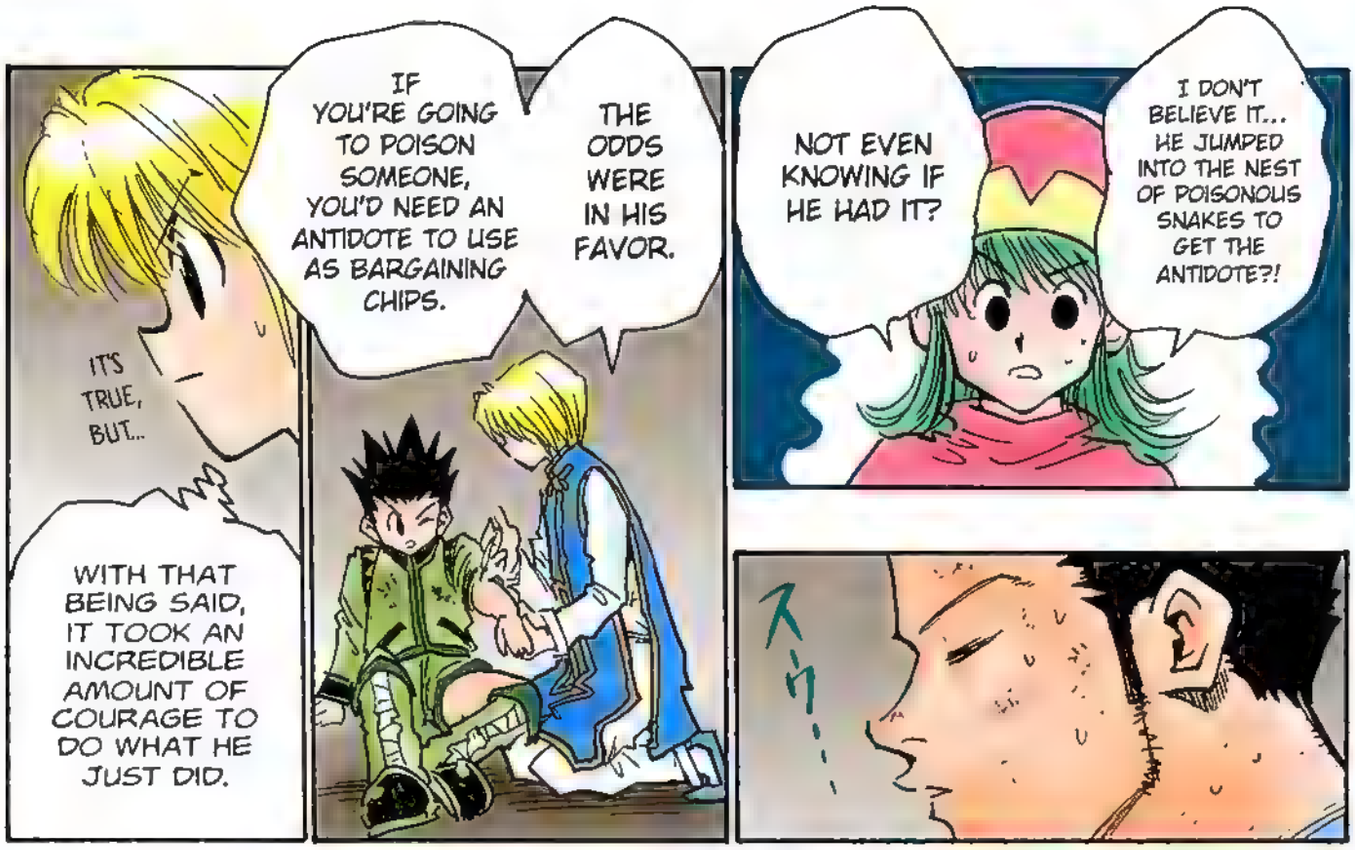









QUICK... USE IT ON LEORIO...
YOU OKAY, GON?!


IF YOU'RE GOING TO POISON SOMEONE, YOU'D NEED AN ANTIDOTE TO USE AS BARGAINING CHIPS.
THE ODDS WERE IN HIS FAVOR.
IT'S TRUE, BUT...
WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT TOOK AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF COURAGE TO DO WHAT HE JUST DID.
NOT EVEN KNOWING IF HE HAD IT?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... HE JUMPED INTO THE NEST OF POISONOUS SNAKES TO GET THE ANTIDOTE?!
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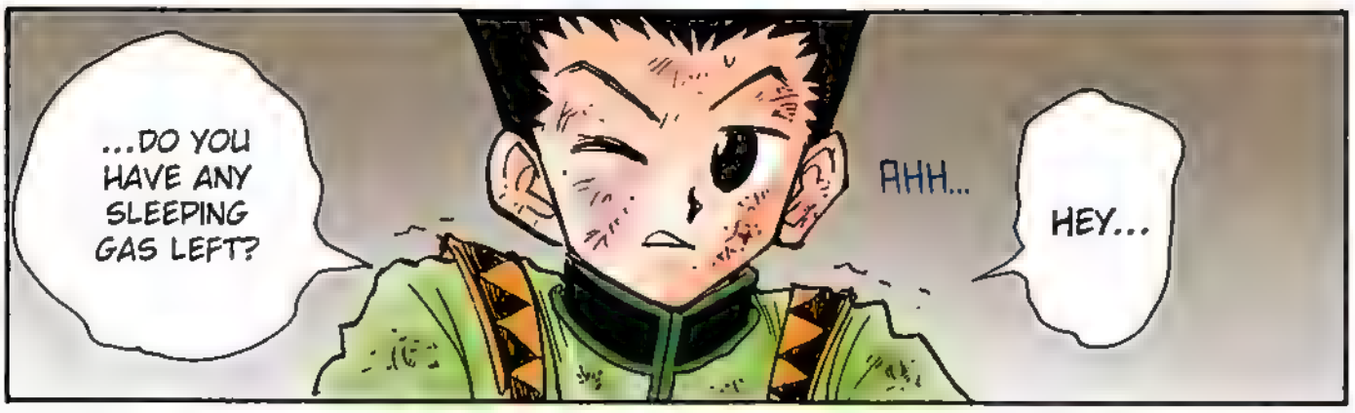
...DO YOU HAVE ANY SLEEPING GAS LEFT?
AHH...
HEY...

WILL YOU... TRADE IT FOR THIS?
THIS'LL GIVES YOU 6 POINTS, RIGHT?
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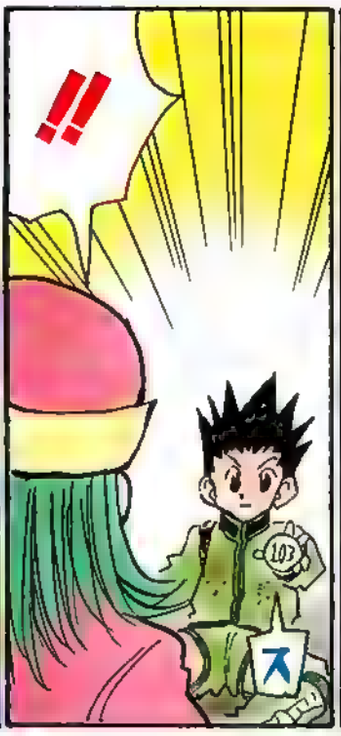
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YES, WHY?

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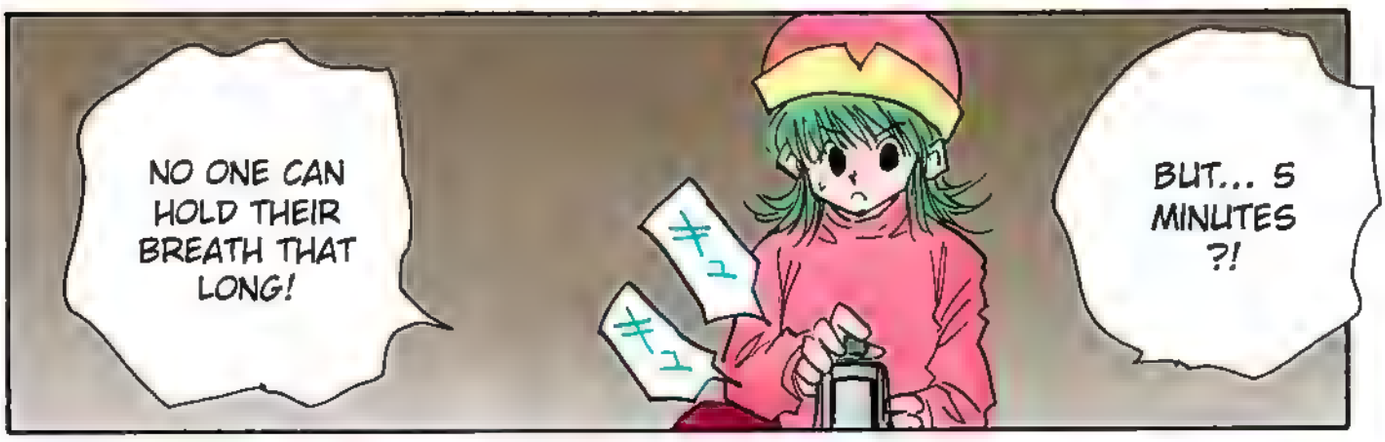
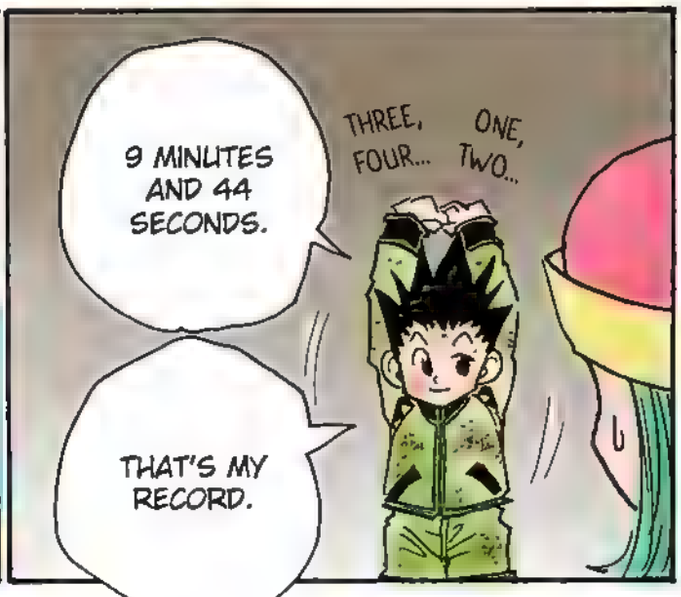
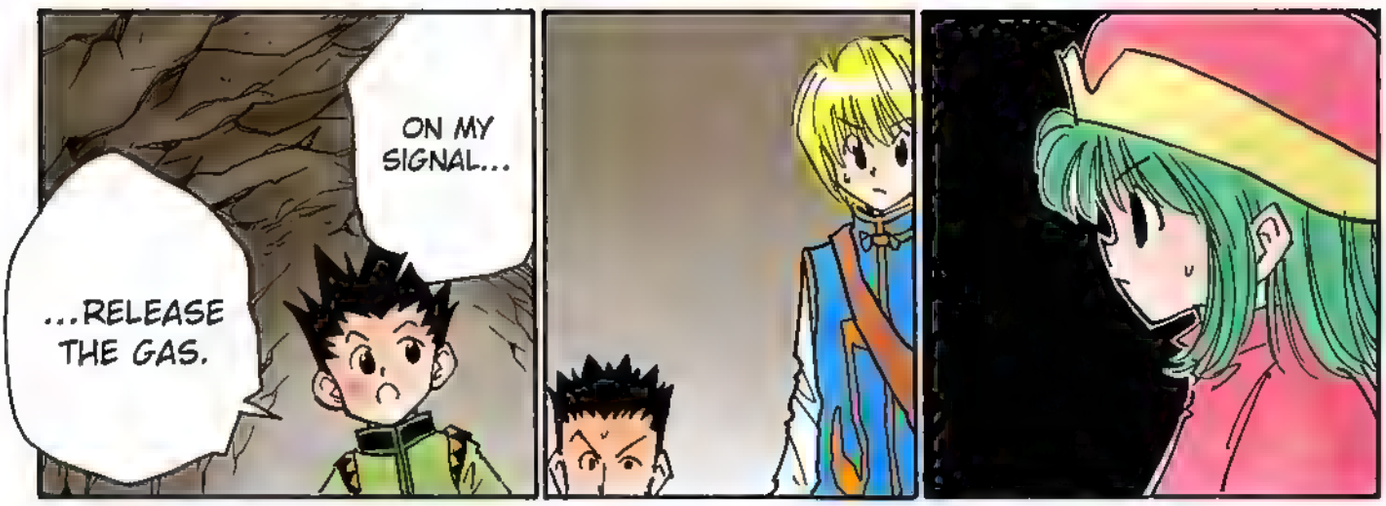
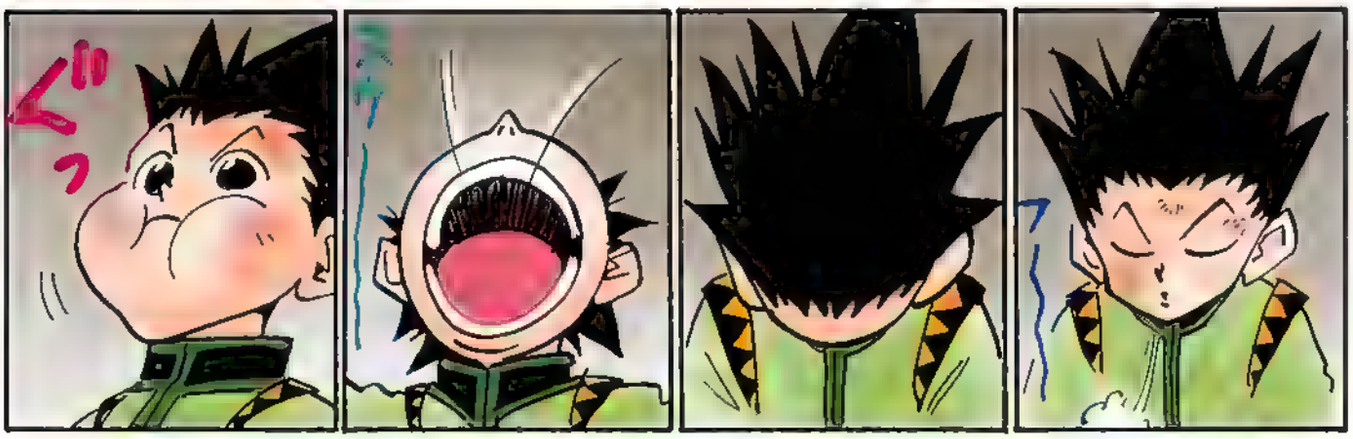
I'M SURE IT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN WHEN I SPRAYED THE GAS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

WITHIN 5 MINUTES, THE ENTIRE CAVE WILL FILL WITH GAS, AND THE SNAKES WILL BE ASLEEP.






ON MY SIGNAL...
...RELEASE THE GAS.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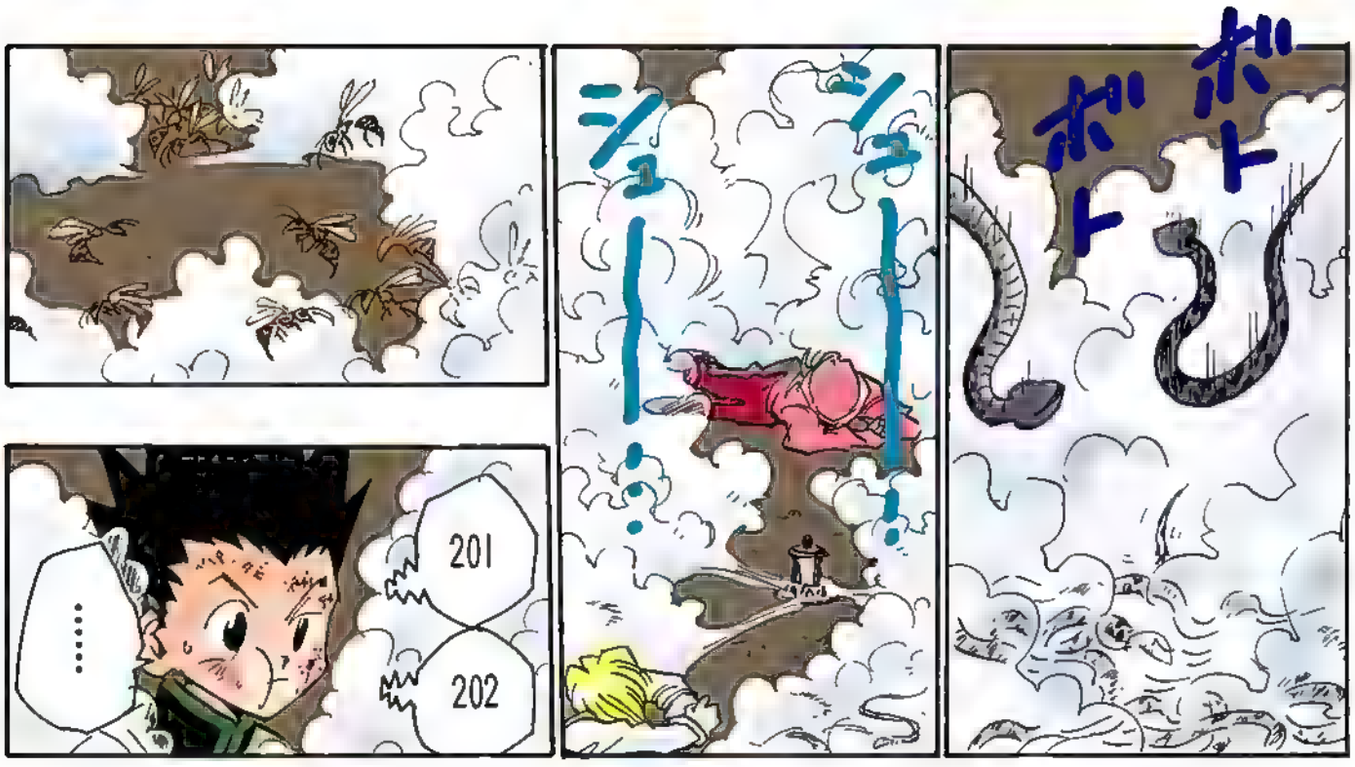
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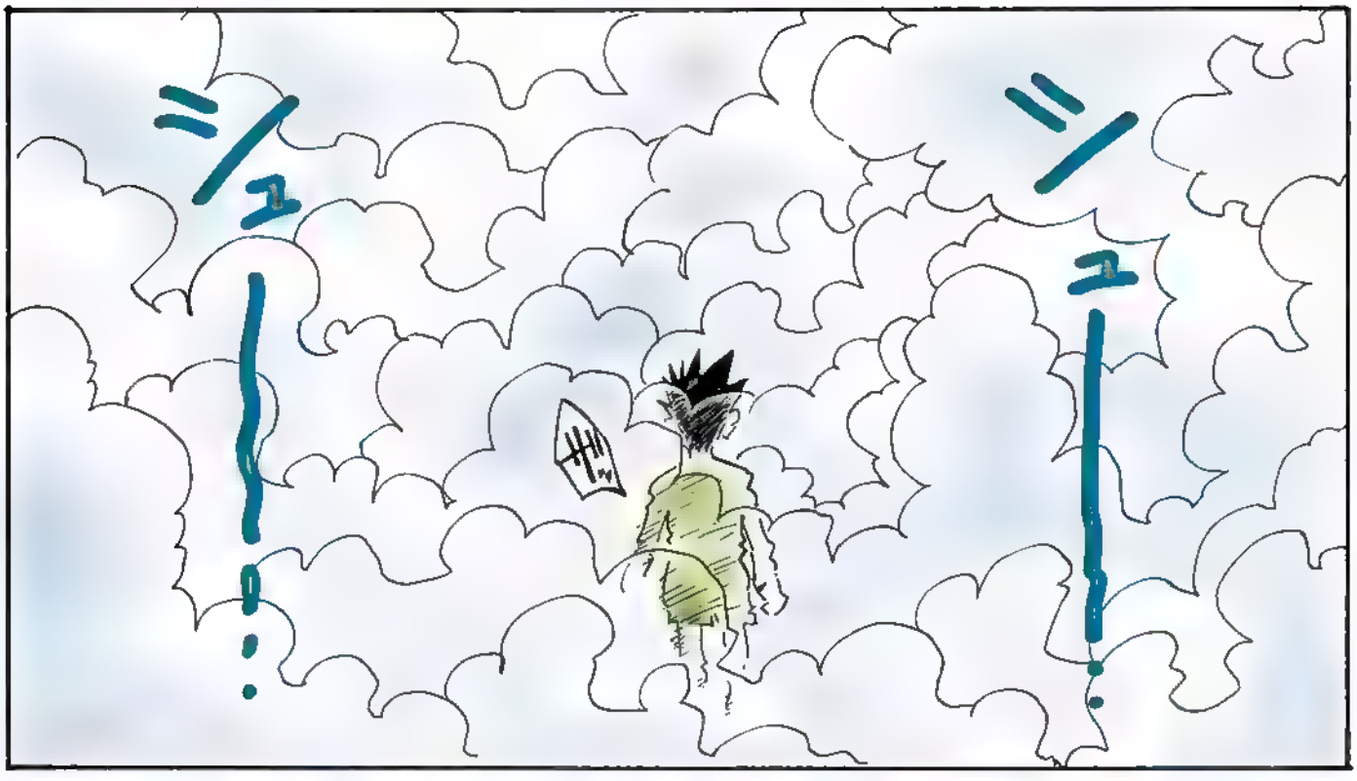
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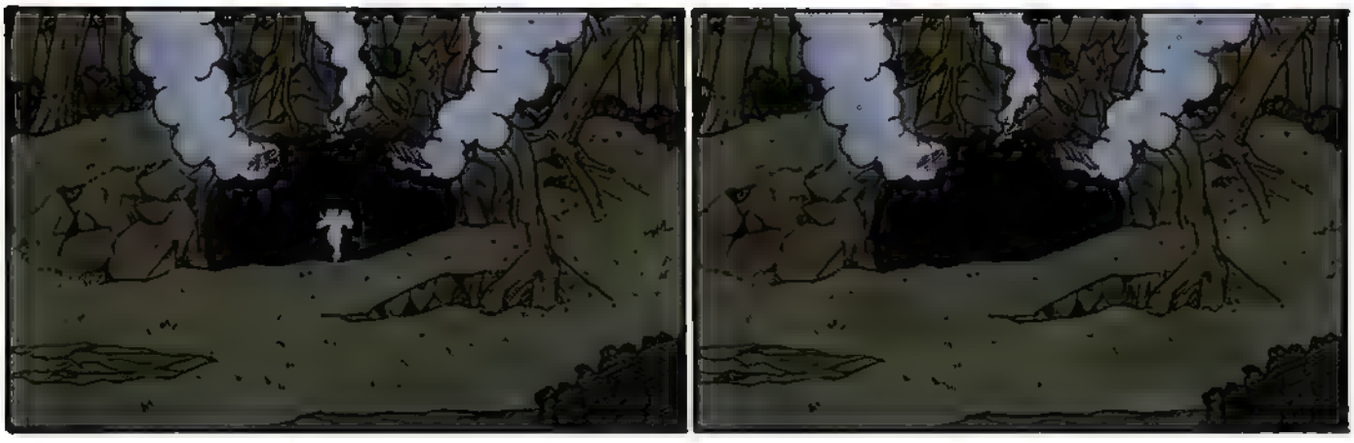

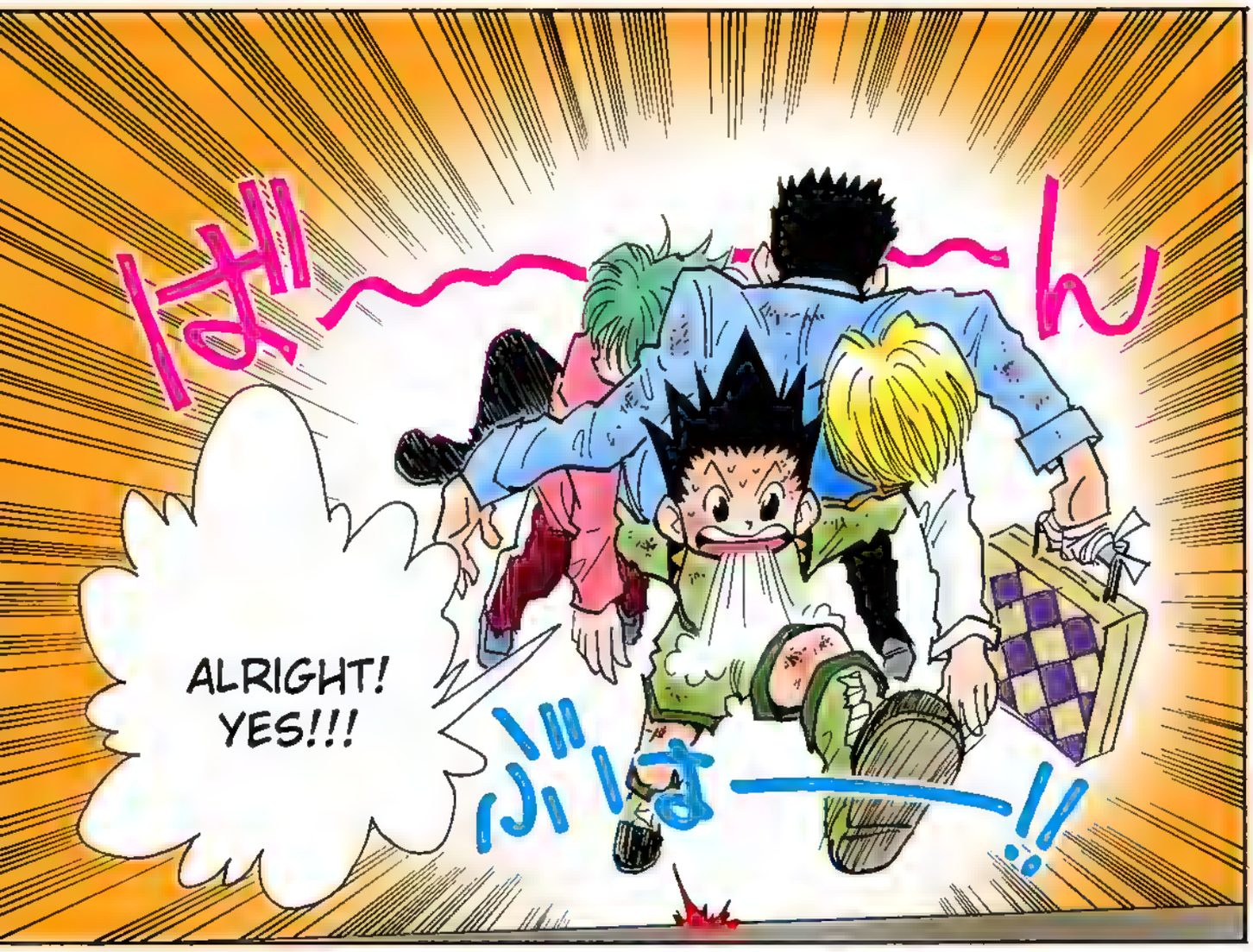
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ALRIGHT! YES!!!
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LET'S SEE HERE...
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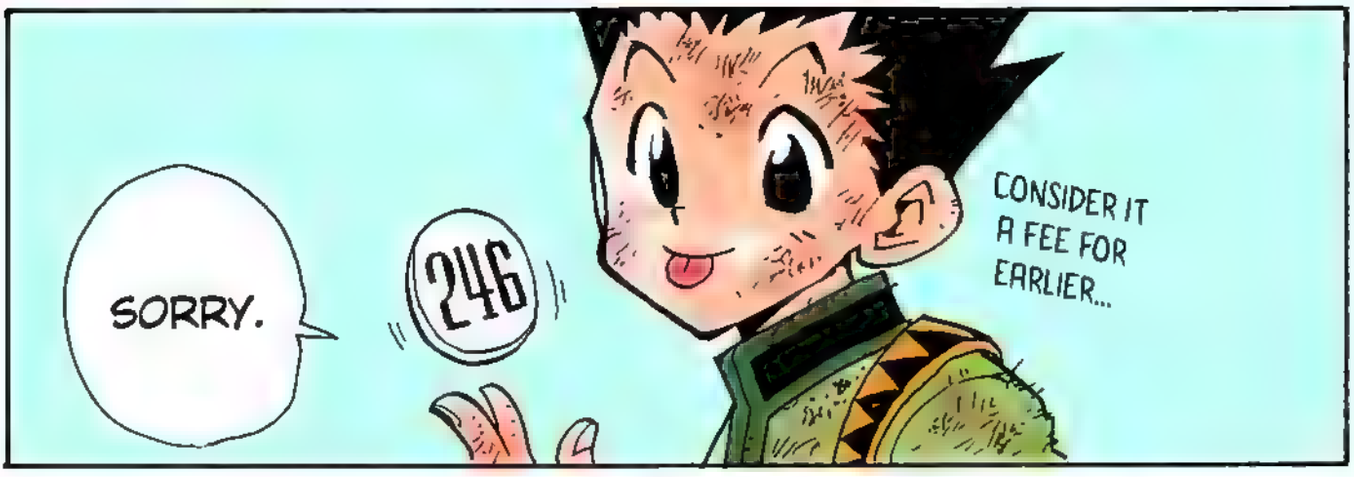
...SO THE COMMITTEE CAN FIND YOU.
WELL, I'LL LEAVE BADGE #103 WITH YOU...


SORRY.
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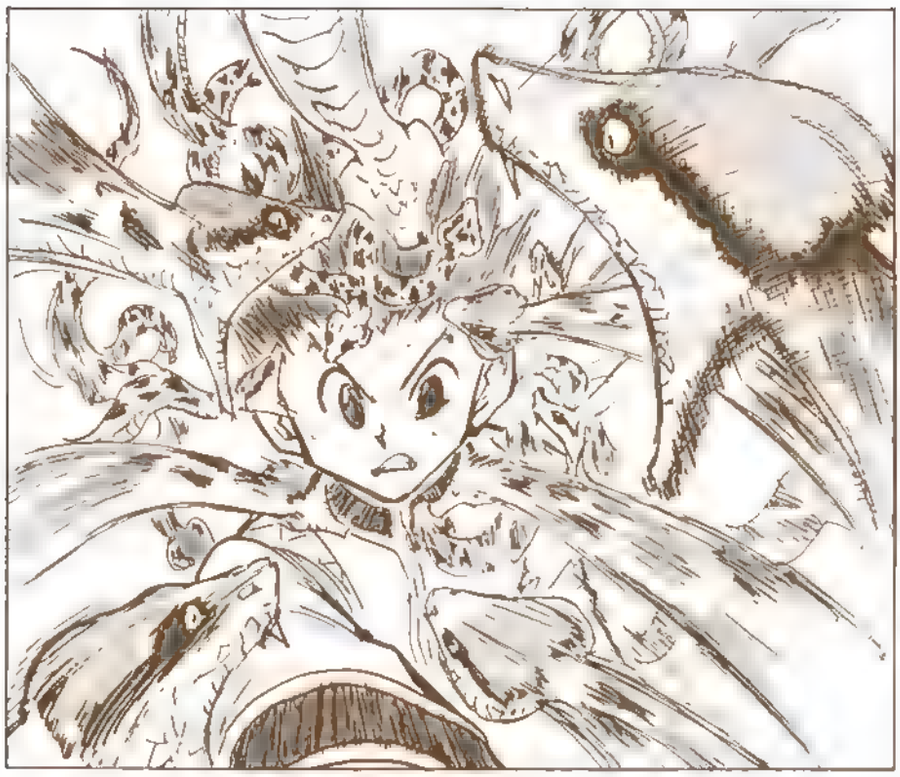
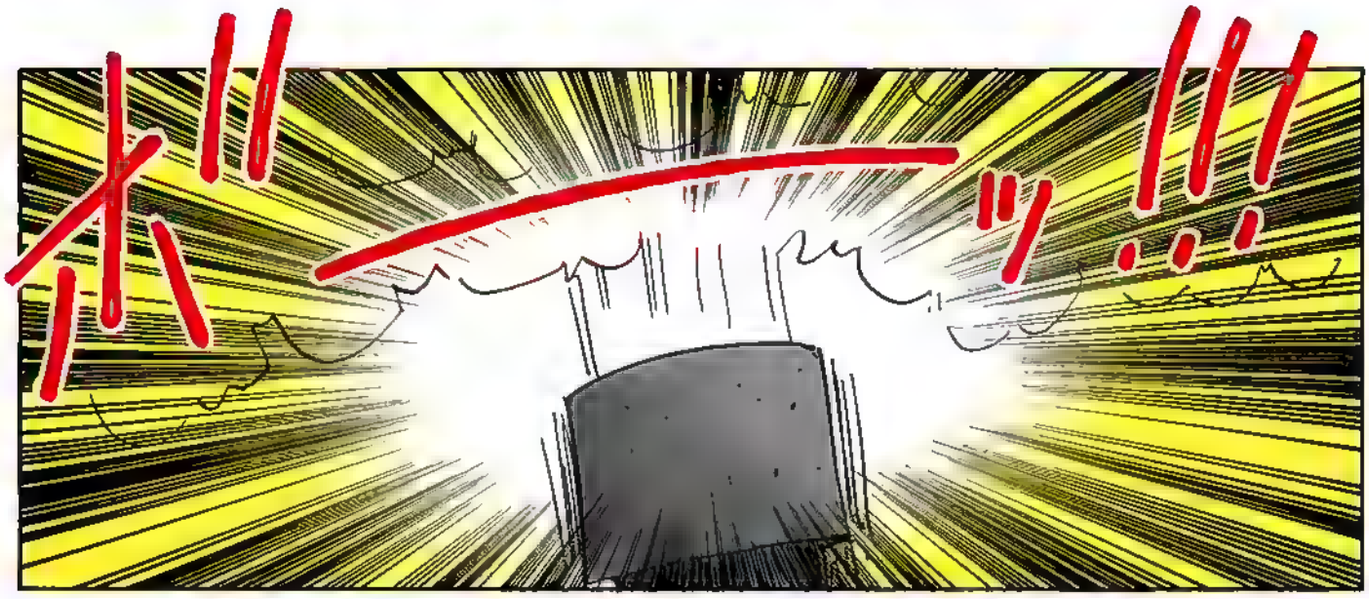
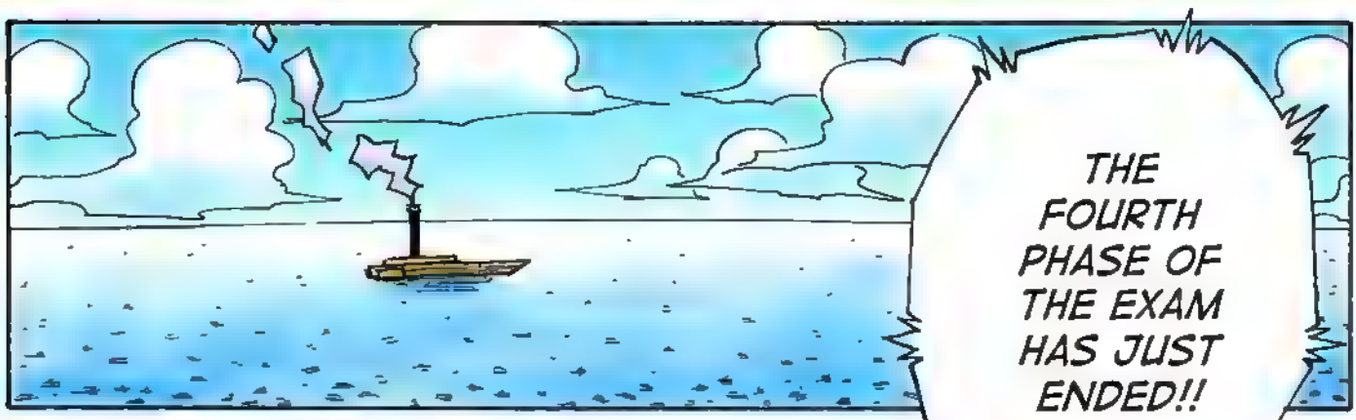
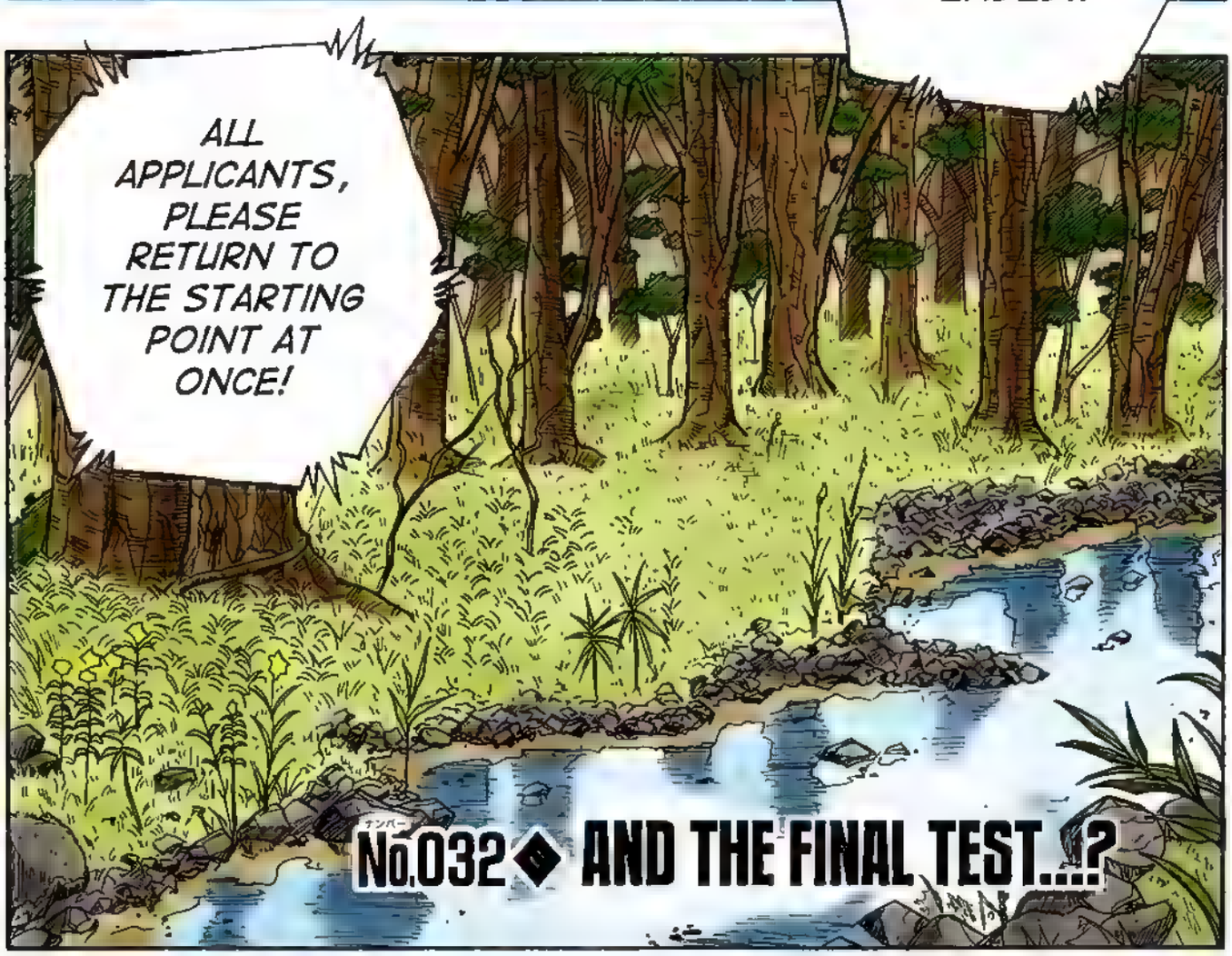
CONSIDER IT A FEE FOR EARLIER...









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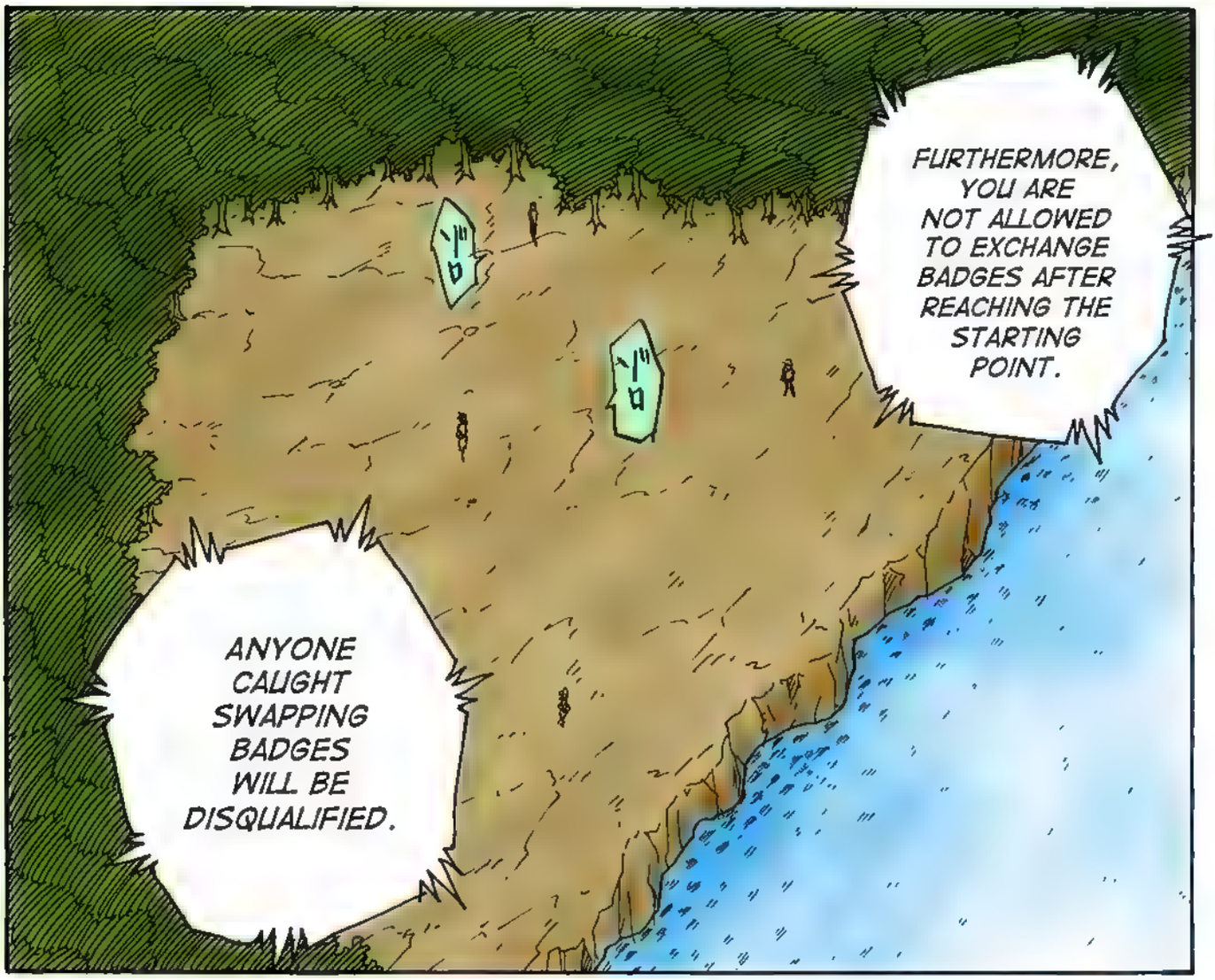
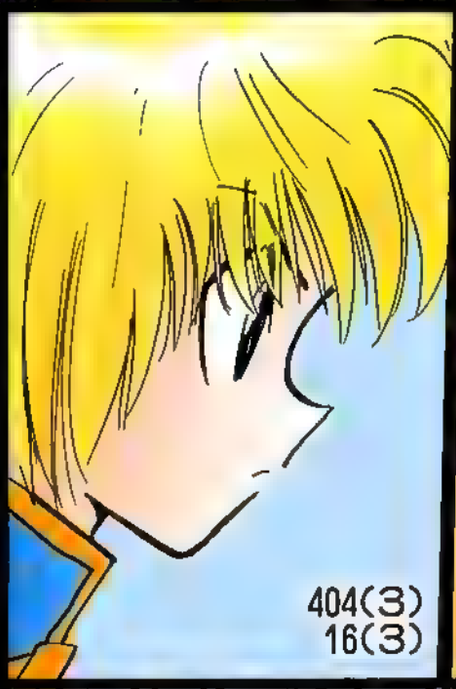
YOU WILL BE GIVEN ONE EXTRA HOUR OF TIME.
IF YOU DO NOT RETURN DURING THIS TIME, YOU WILL FAIL THE EXAM.


FURTHERMORE, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXCHANGE BADGES AFTER REACHING THE STARTING POINT.
ANYONE CAUGHT SWAPPING BADGES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.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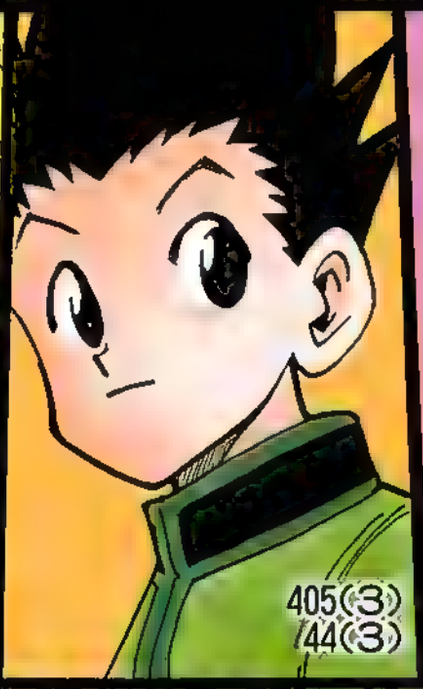
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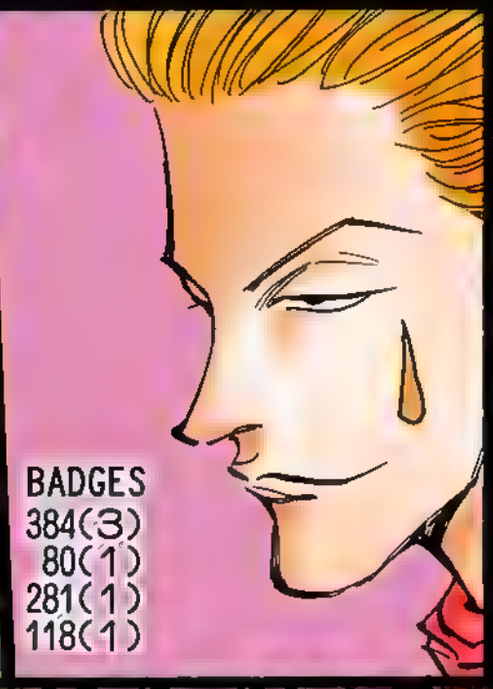
BADGES
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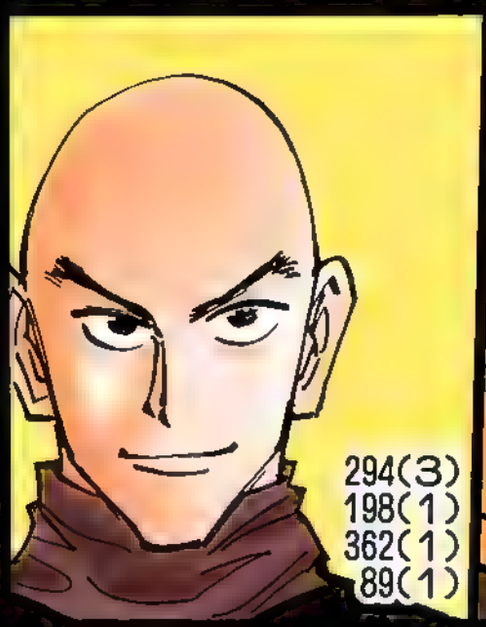
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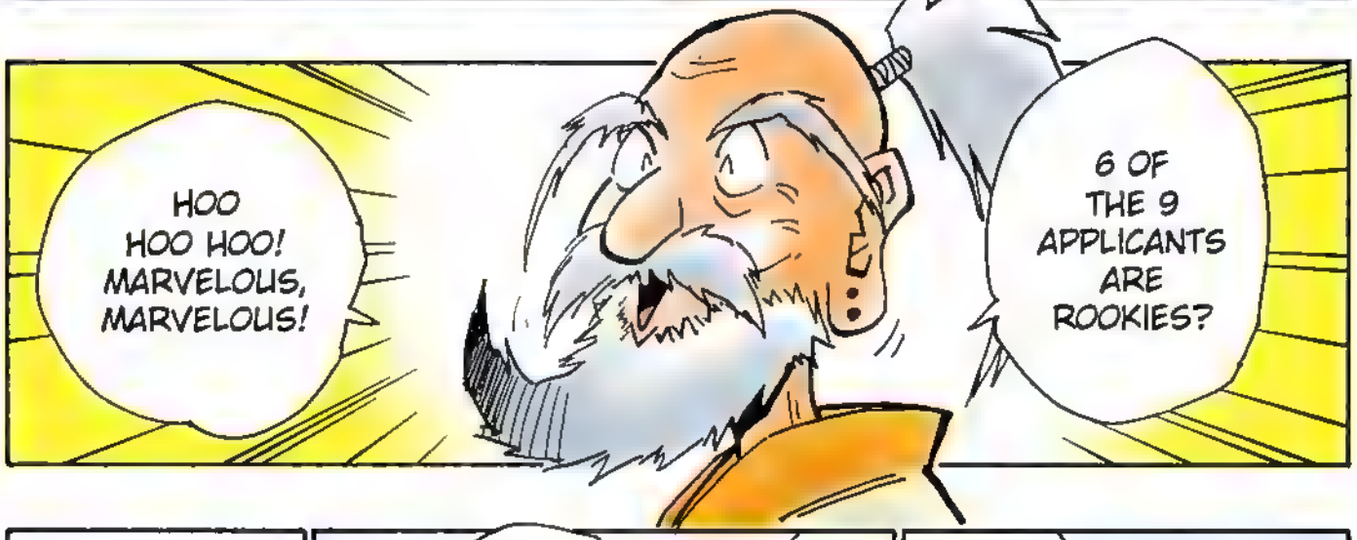
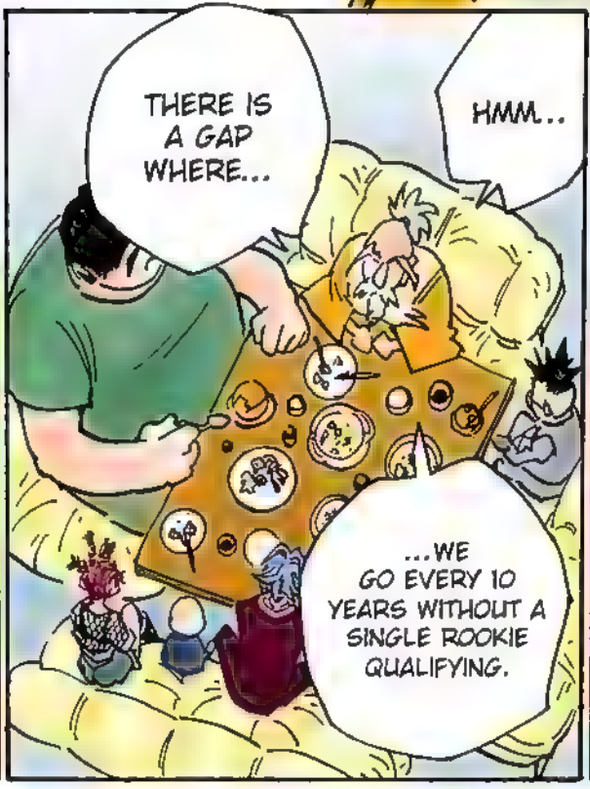
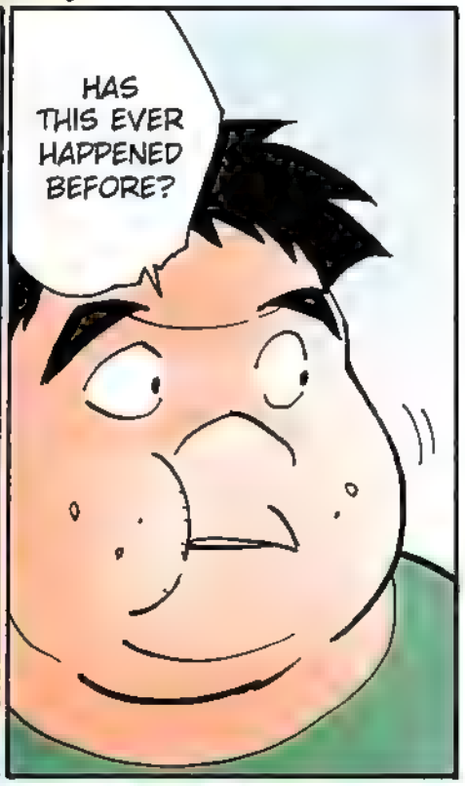
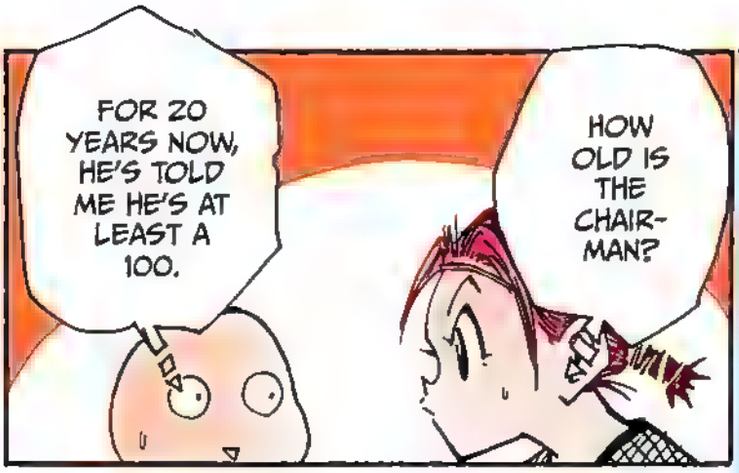
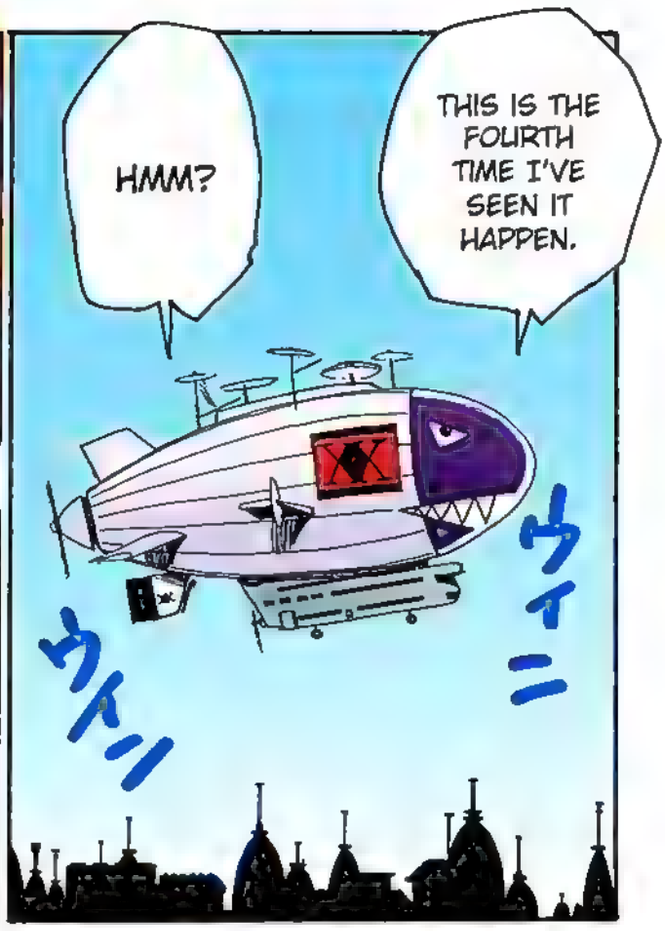

HOO HOO HOO! MARVELOUS, MARVELOUS!
6 OF THE 9 APPLICANTS ARE ROOKIES?

BUT SUDDENLY, WE NOW HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF PROMISING NEWBIES.


THERE IS A GAP WHERE...
HMM...
...WE GO EVERY 10 YEARS WITHOUT A SINGLE ROOKIE QUALIFYING.


HAS THIS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE?


FOR 20 YEARS NOW, HE'S TOLD ME HE'S AT LEAST A 100.
HOW OLD IS THE CHAIR-MAN?


HMM?
THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN.
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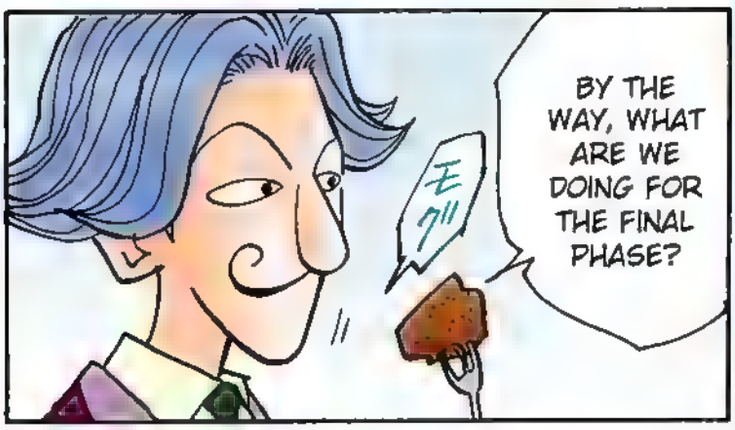
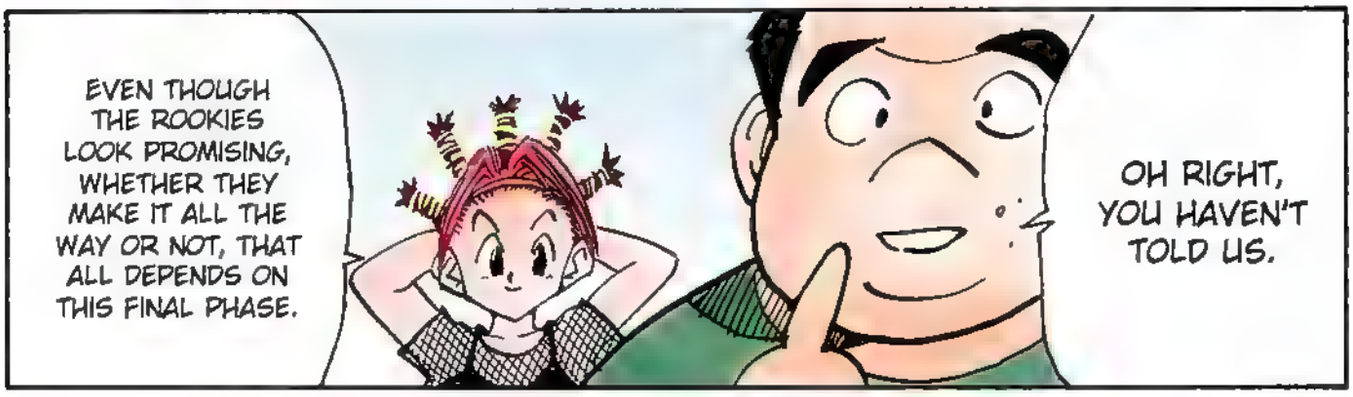
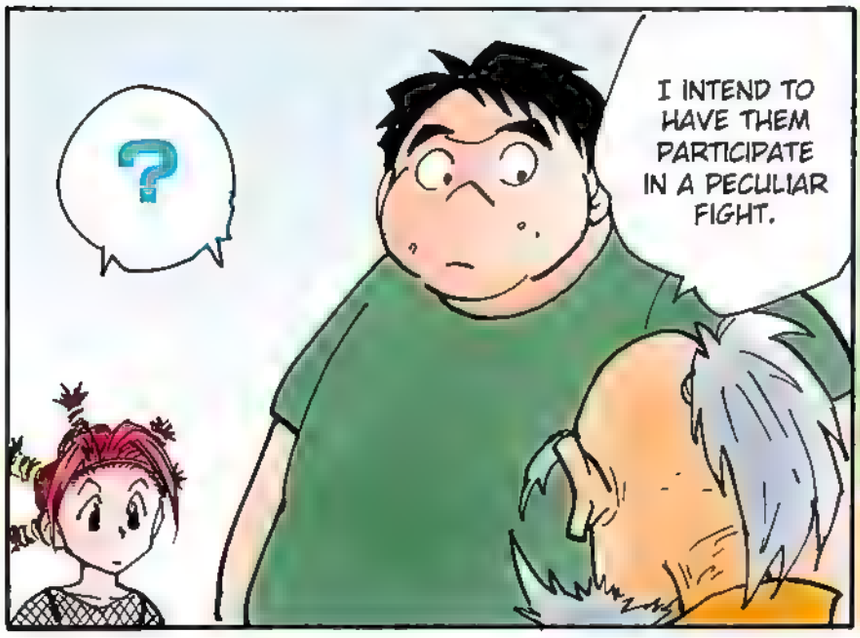

BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE FINAL PHASE?


EVEN THOUGH THE ROOKIES LOOK PROMISING, WHETHER THEY MAKE IT ALL THE WAY OR NOT, THAT ALL DEPENDS ON THIS FINAL PHASE.
OH RIGHT, YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US.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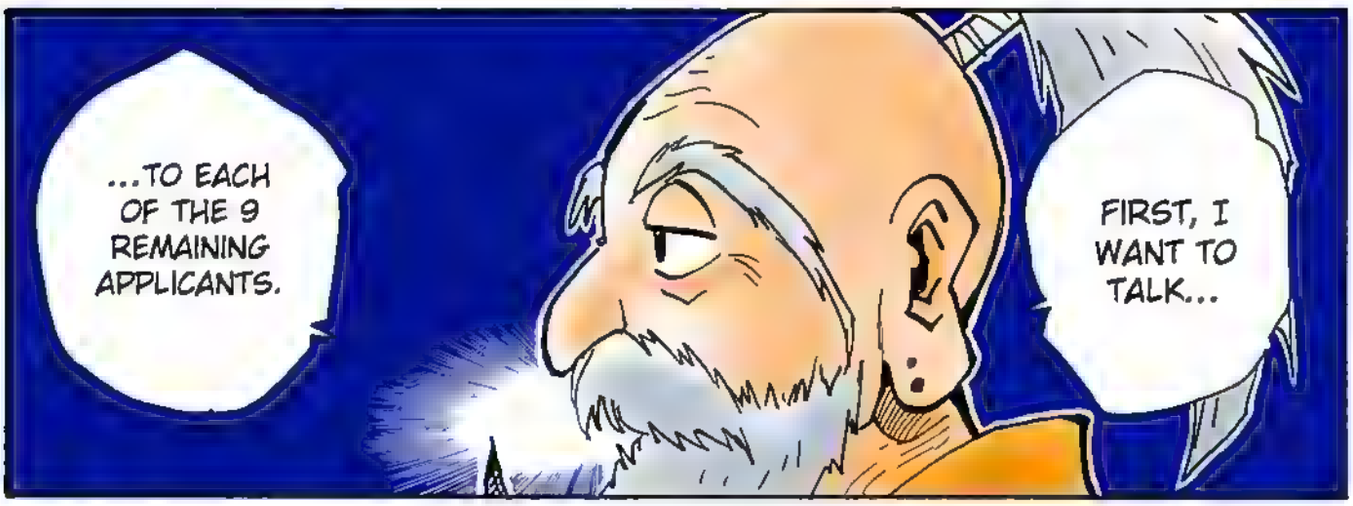
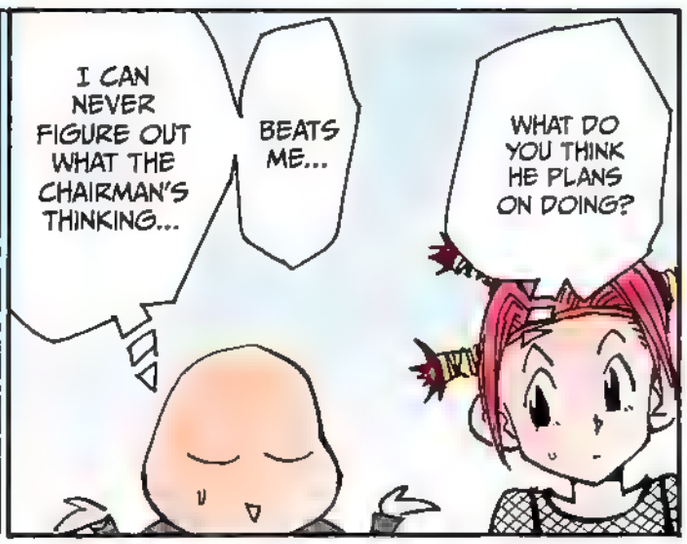
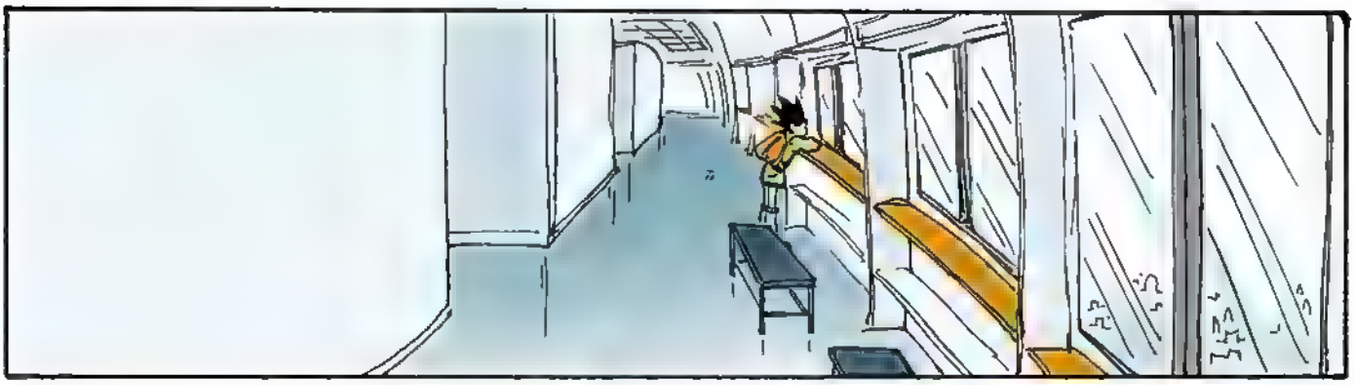
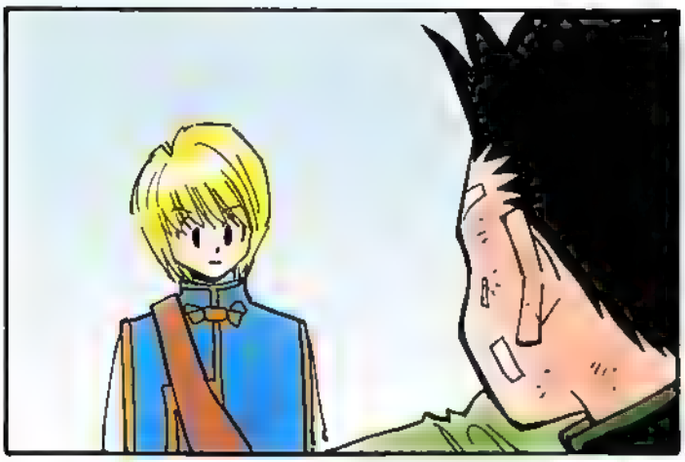
I INTEND TO HAVE THEM PARTICIPATE IN A PECULIAR FIGHT.

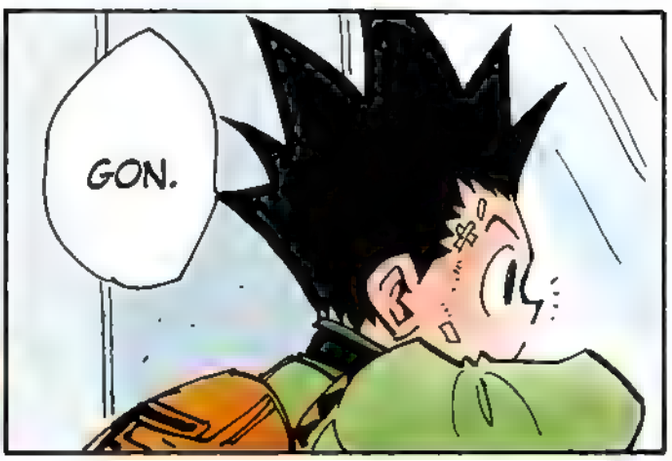
YES, ABOUT THAT...


...TO EACH OF THE 9 REMAINING APPLICANTS.
FIRST, I WANT TO TALK...


I CAN NEVER FIGURE OUT WHAT THE CHAIRMAN'S THINKING...
BEATS ME...
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE PLANS ON DOING?



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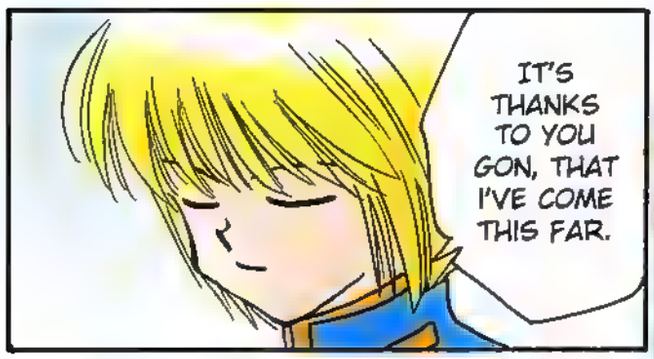
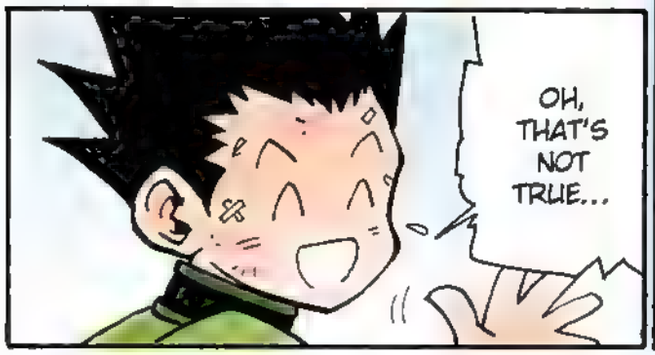
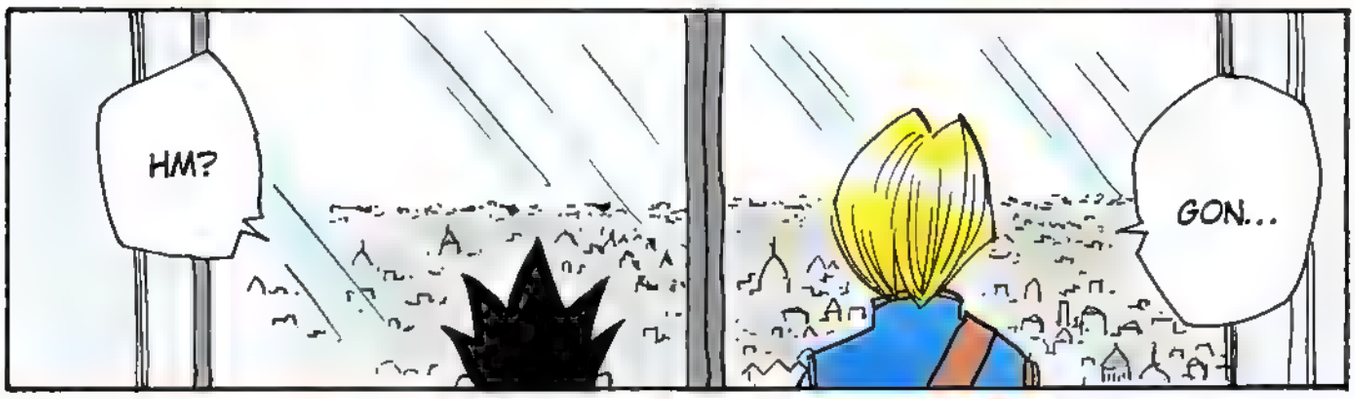

IT'S THANKS TO YOU GON, THAT I'VE COME THIS FAR.

YEAH.
WE REACHED THE FINAL PHASE.


OH, THAT'S NOT TRUE...


HM?
GON...

SINCE WE MET UP, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE...
...AND IT WORRIES ME.
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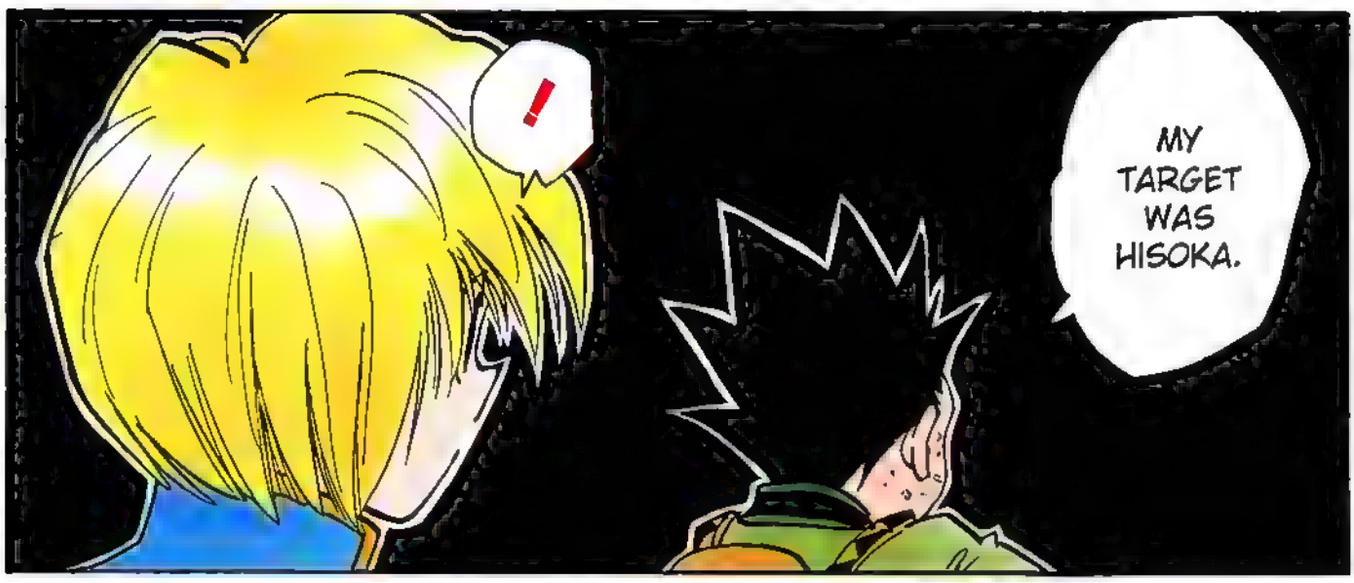
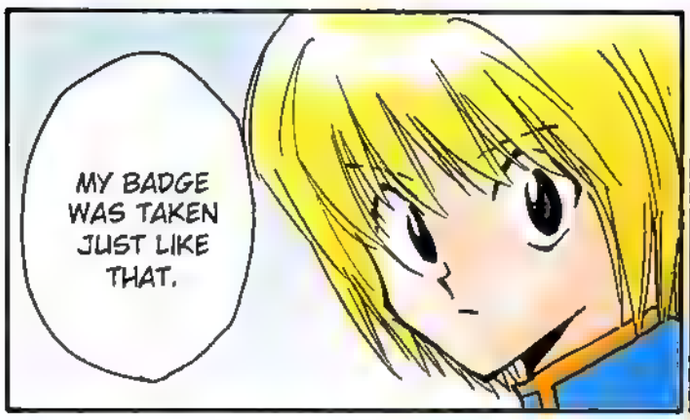
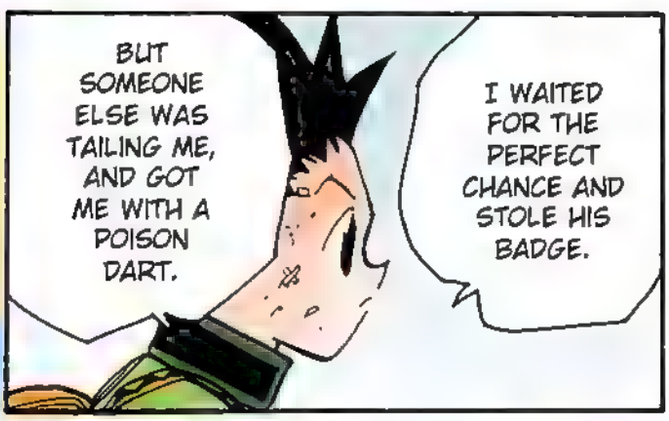
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN DURING THE 4TH PHASE?

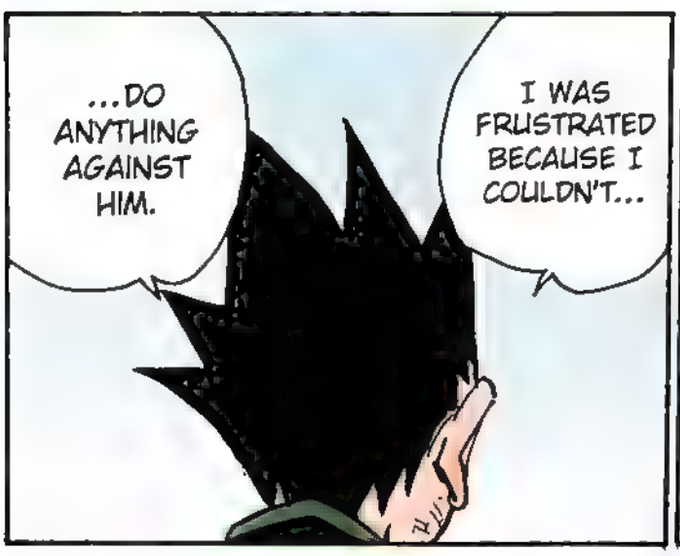


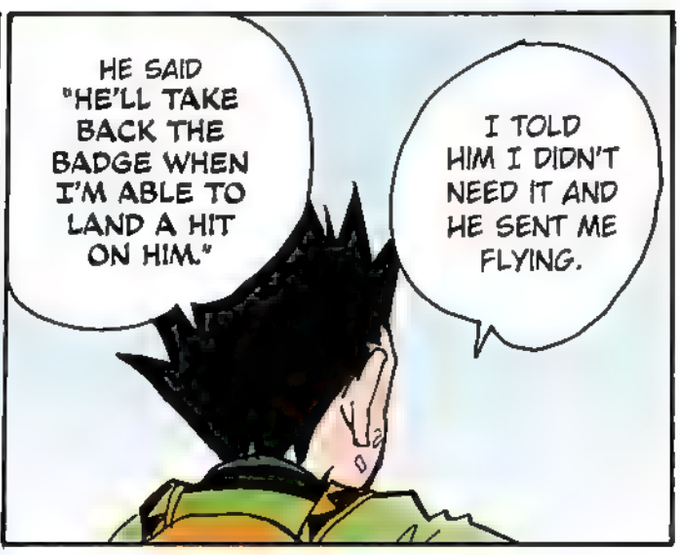


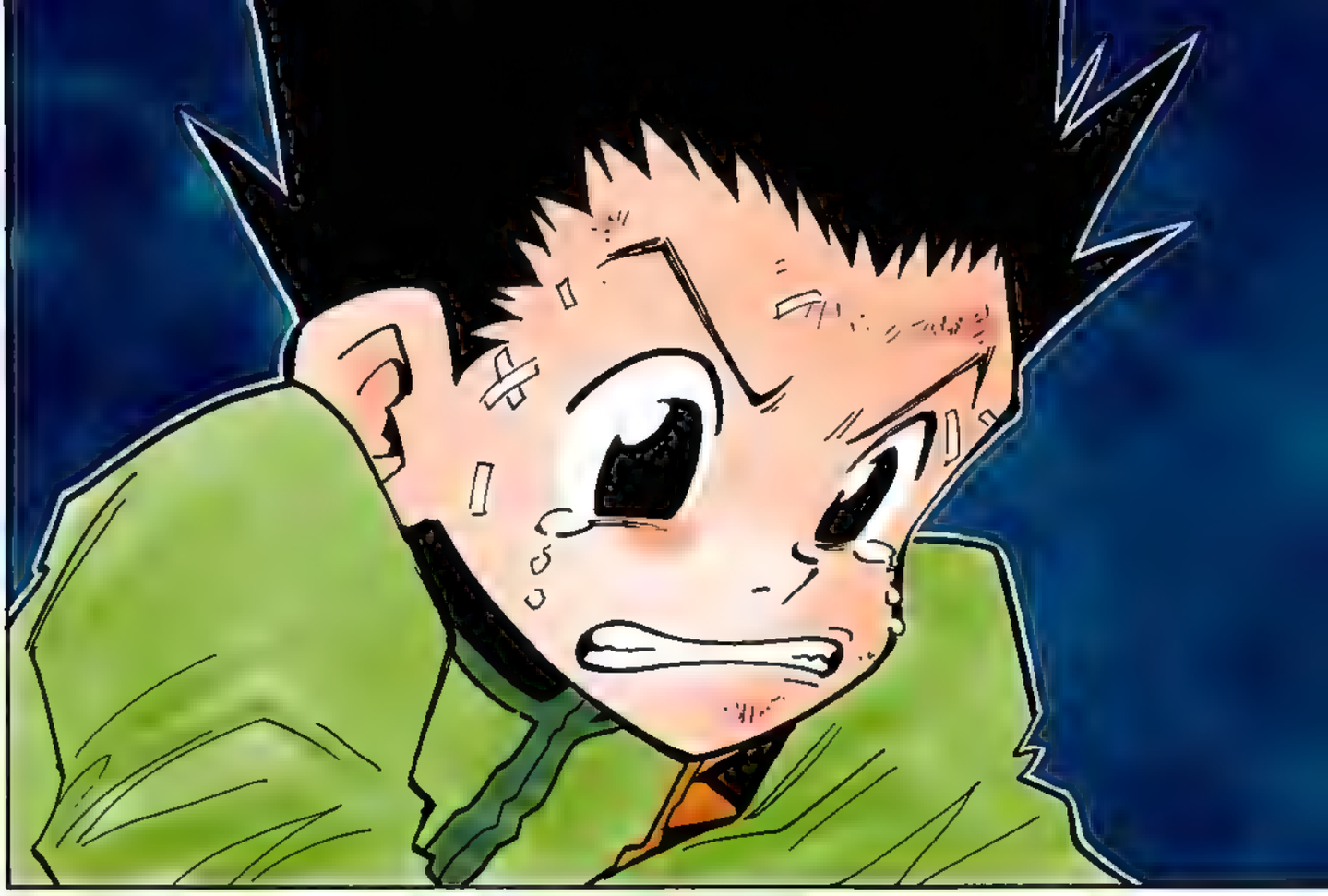


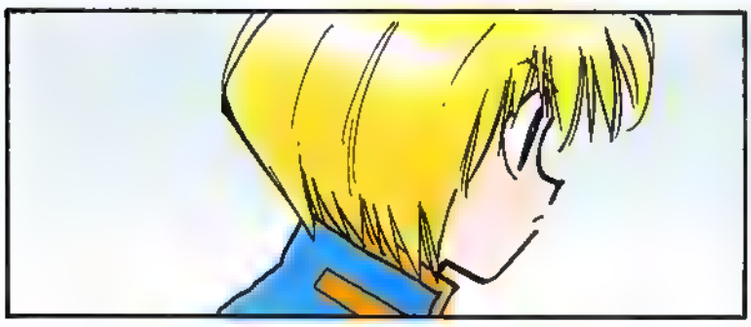
SOON AFTER, HISOKA TOOK BACK HIS BADGE FROM THE PERSON WHO GOT ME.

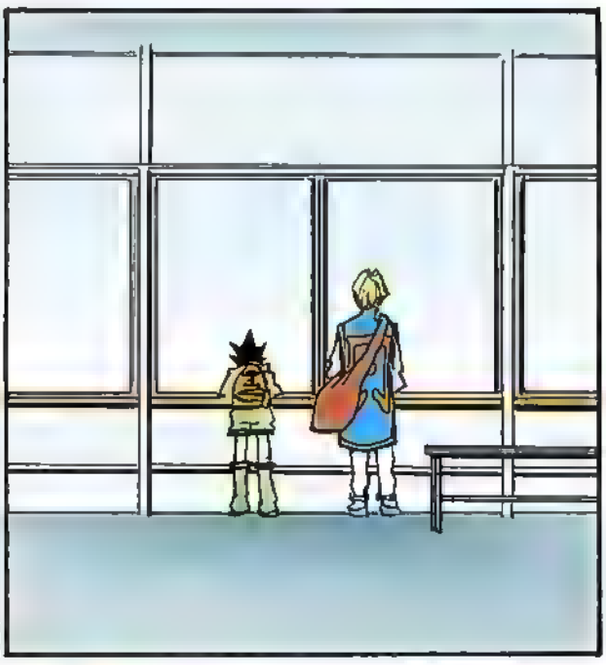
HE GAVE MY BADGE BACK AND HE INTENTIONALLY LEFT HIS OWN BADGE WITH ME.

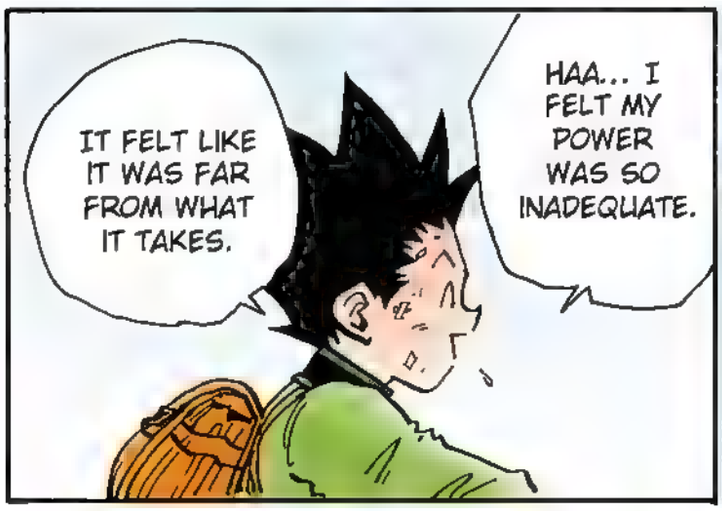


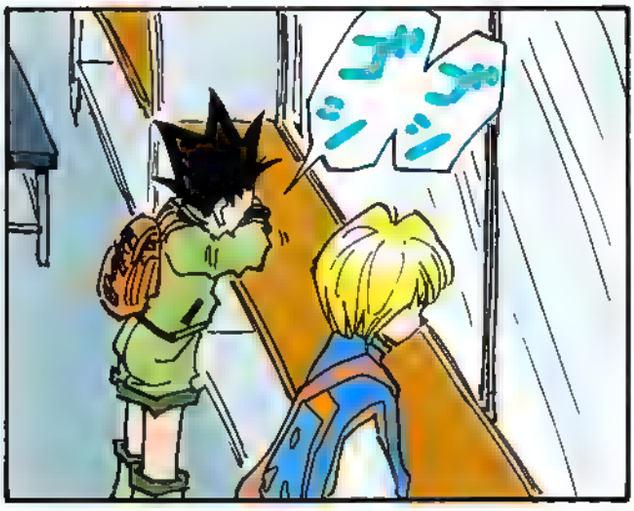


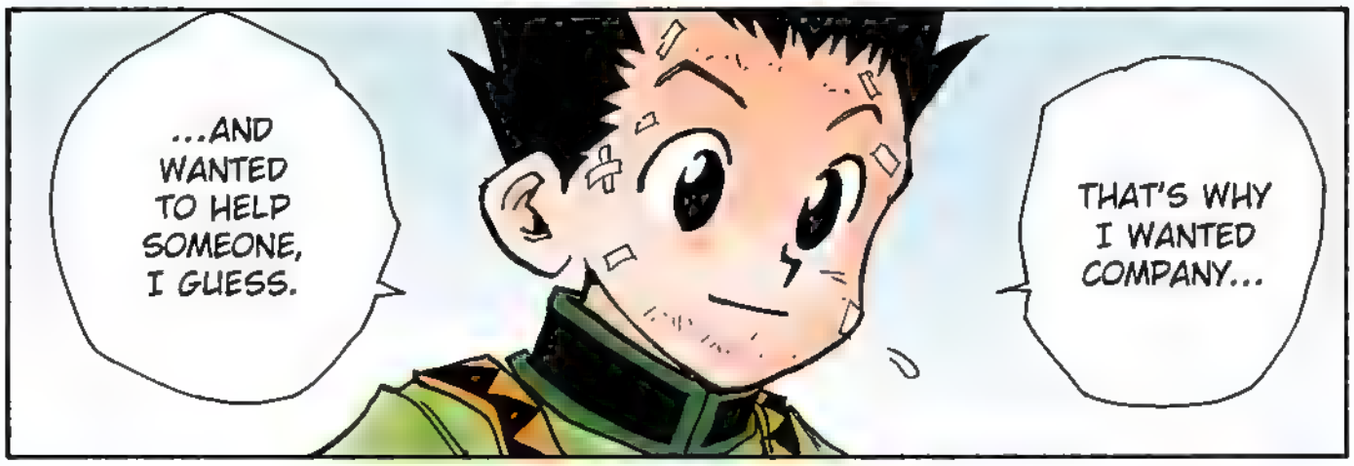


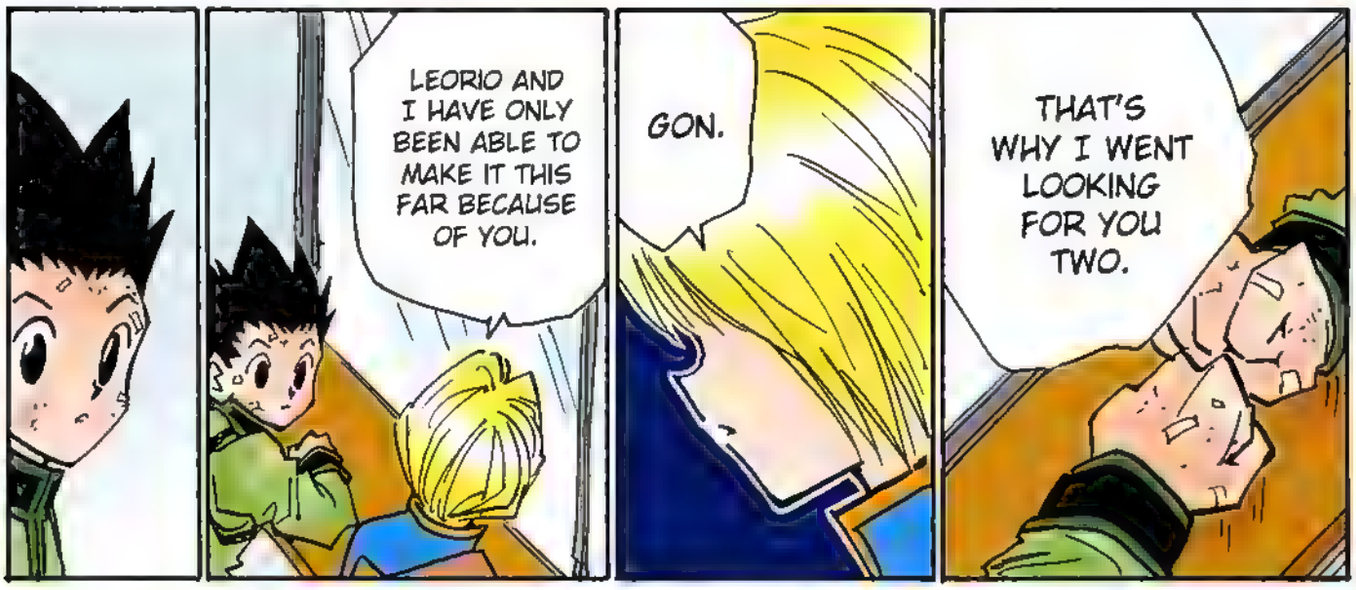


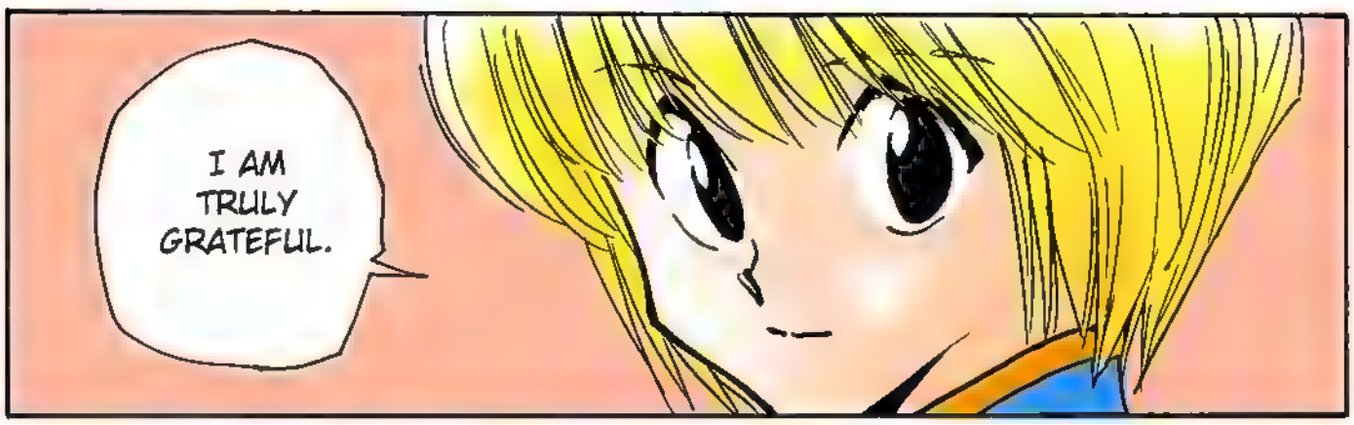


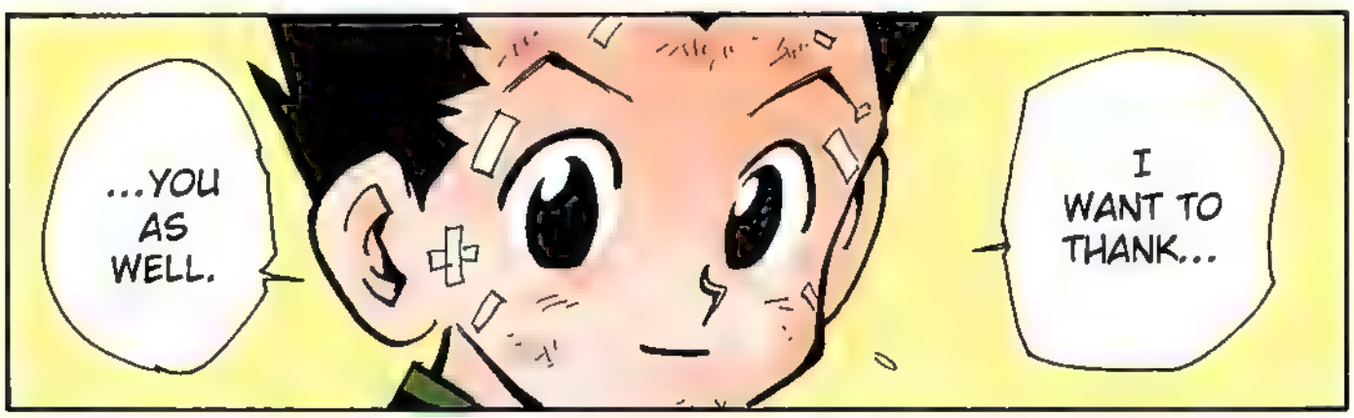

IT FELT LIKE IT WAS FAR FROM WHAT IT TAKES.
HAA... I FELT MY POWER WAS SO INADEQUATE.

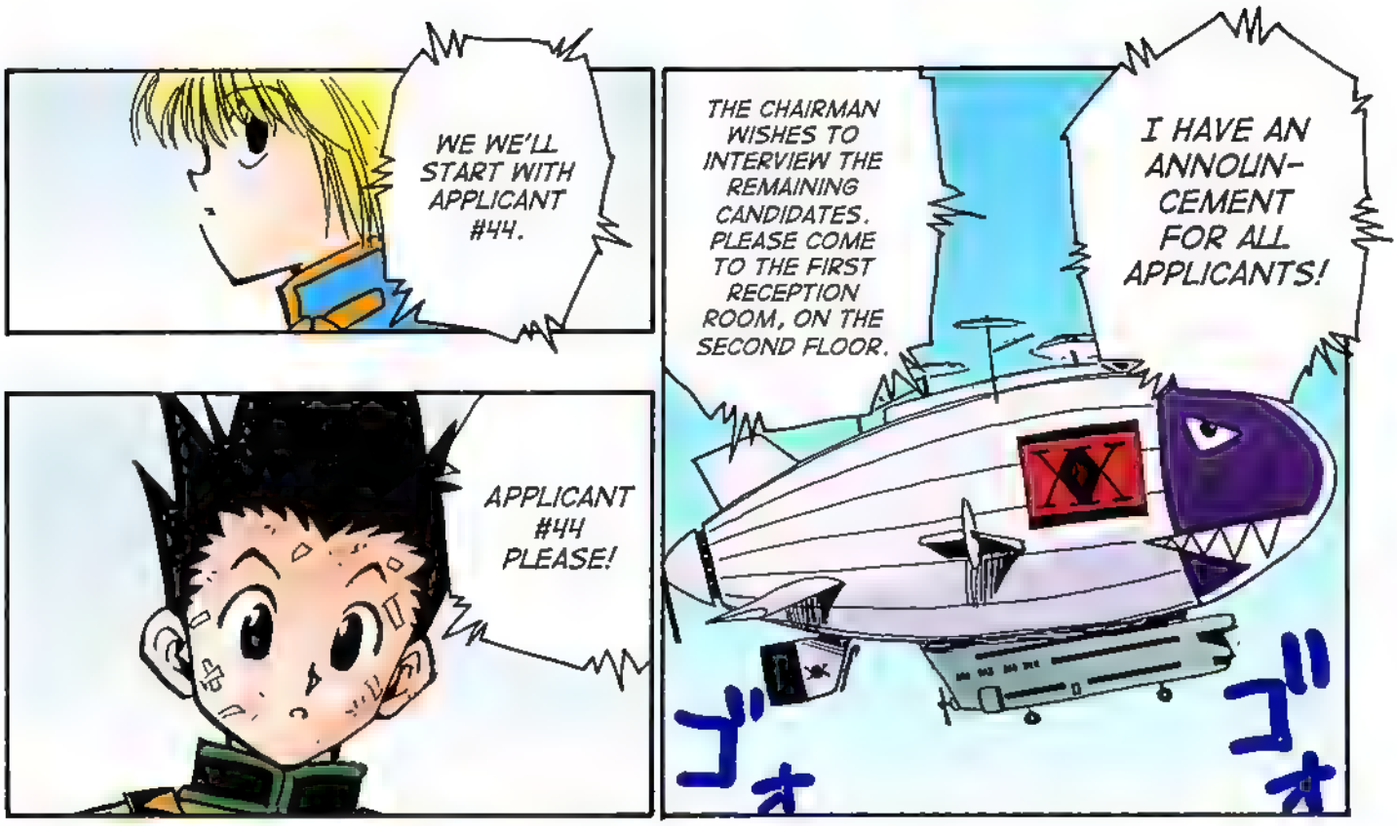



...AND WANTED TO HELP SOMEONE, I GUESS.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED COMPANY...


LEORIO AND I HAVE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS FAR BECAUSE OF YOU.
GON.
THAT'S WHY I WENT LOOKING FOR YOU TWO.


I AM TRULY GRATEFUL.


...YOU AS WELL.
I WANT TO THANK...


WE WE'LL START WITH APPLICANT #44.
APPLICANT #44 PLEASE!
THE CHAIRMAN WISHES TO INTERVIEW THE REMAINING CANDIDATES. PLEASE COME TO THE FIRST RECEPTION ROOM, ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
I HAVE AN ANNOUN-CEMENT FOR ALL APPLICANTS!
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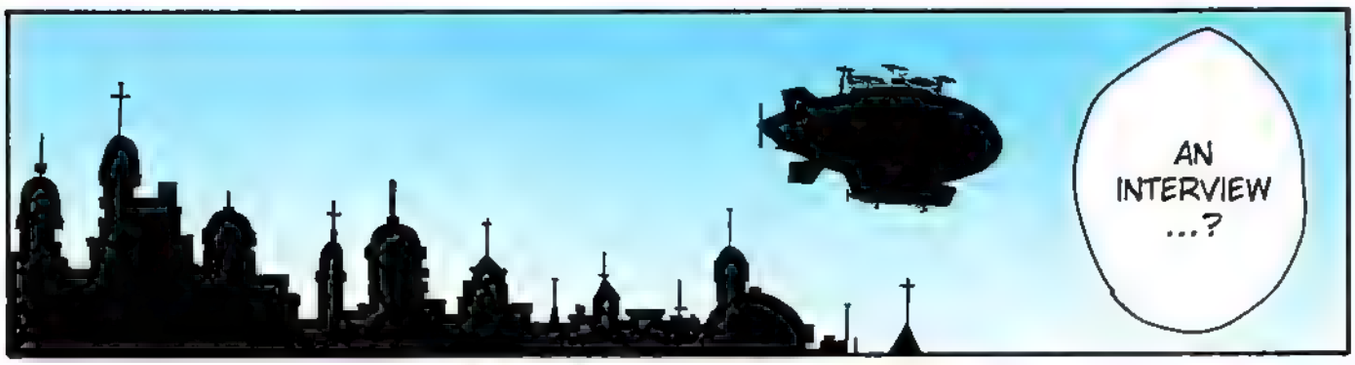
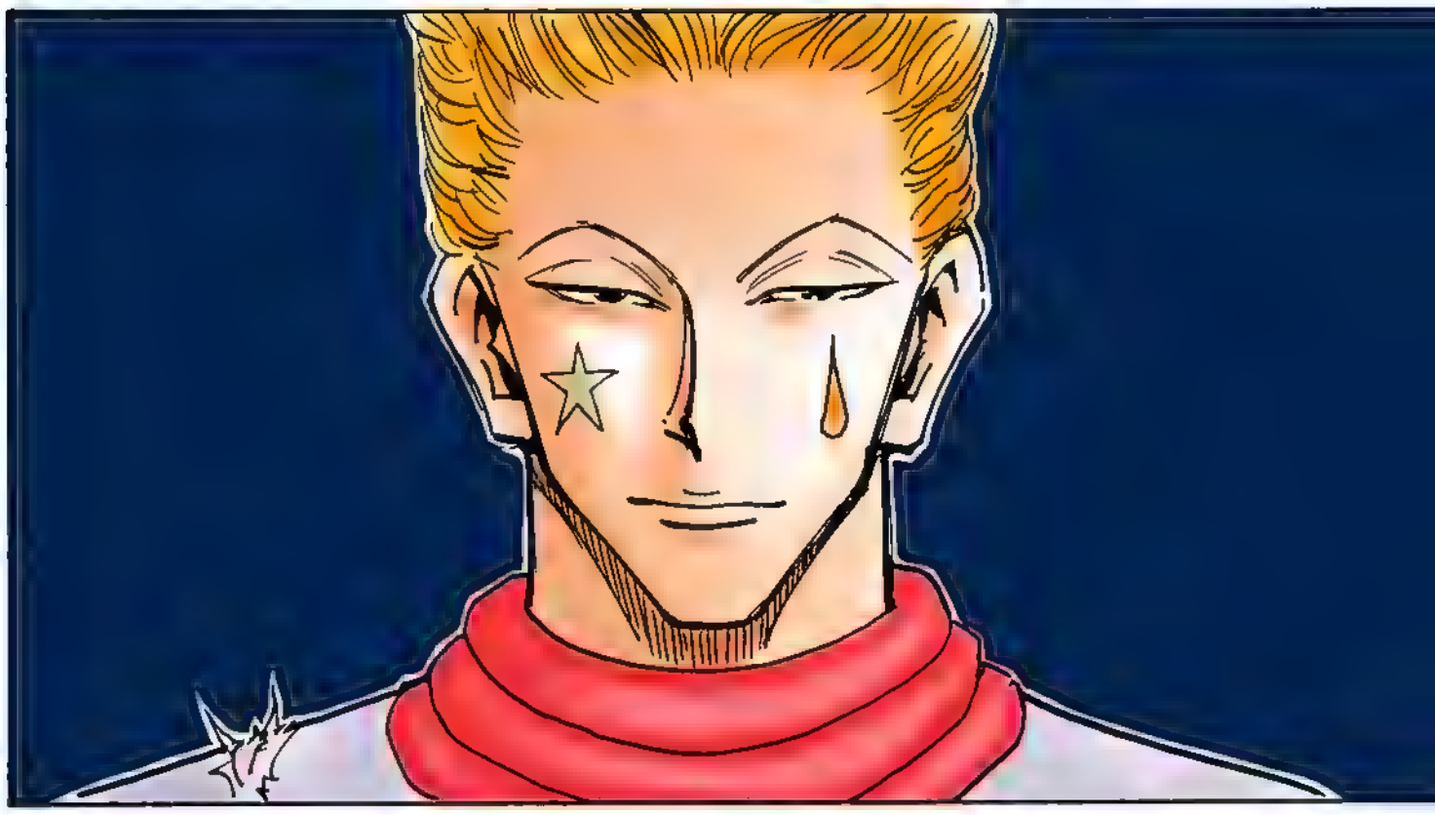
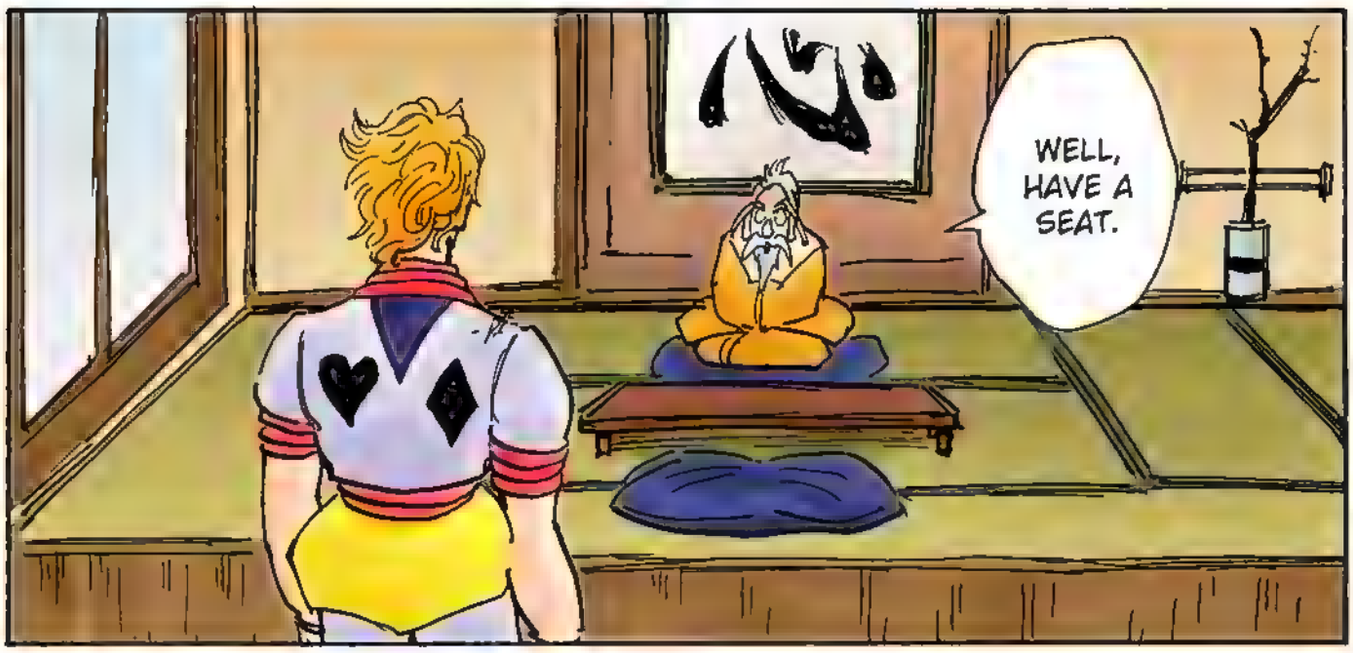
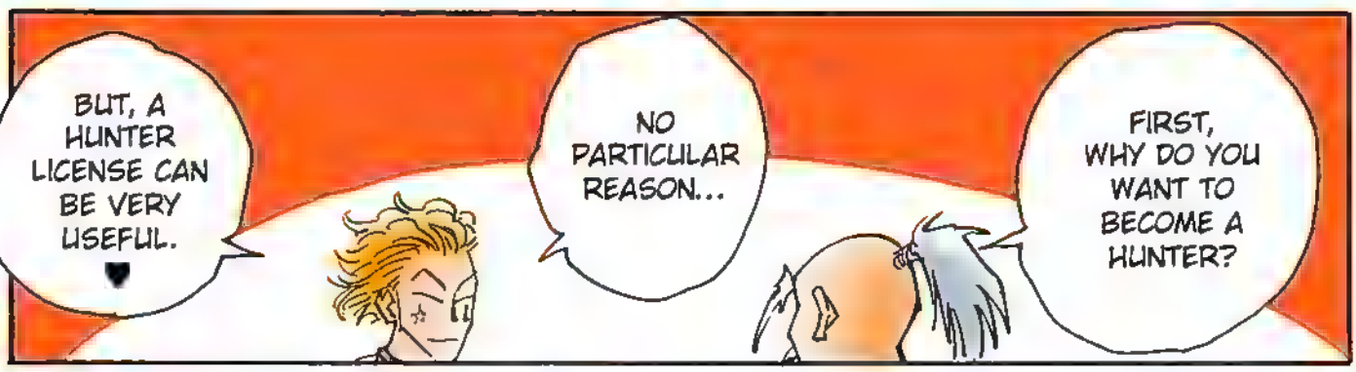

AN INTERVIEW ...?

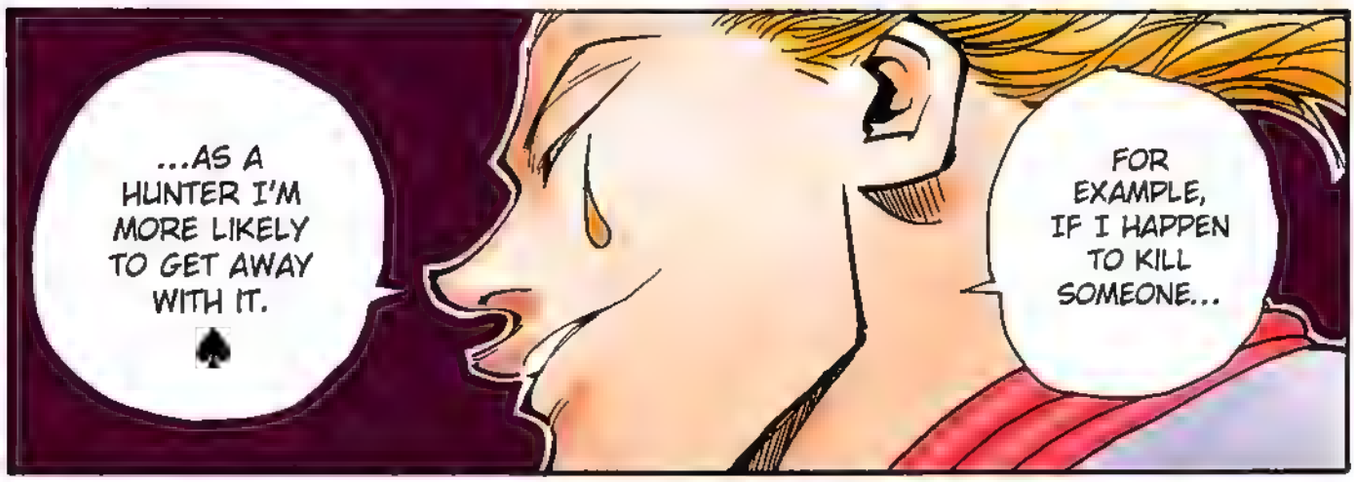


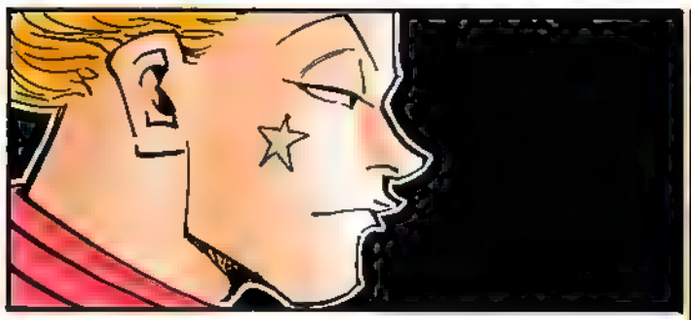

WELL, HAVE A SEAT.

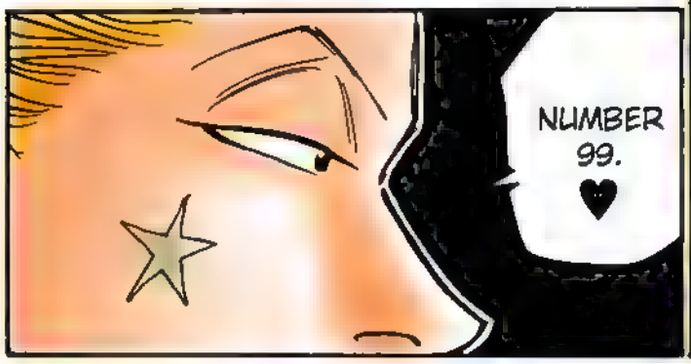
JUST WANTED TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS TO SATISFY MY CURIOSITY.
NOT THE TEST ITSELF, NO.

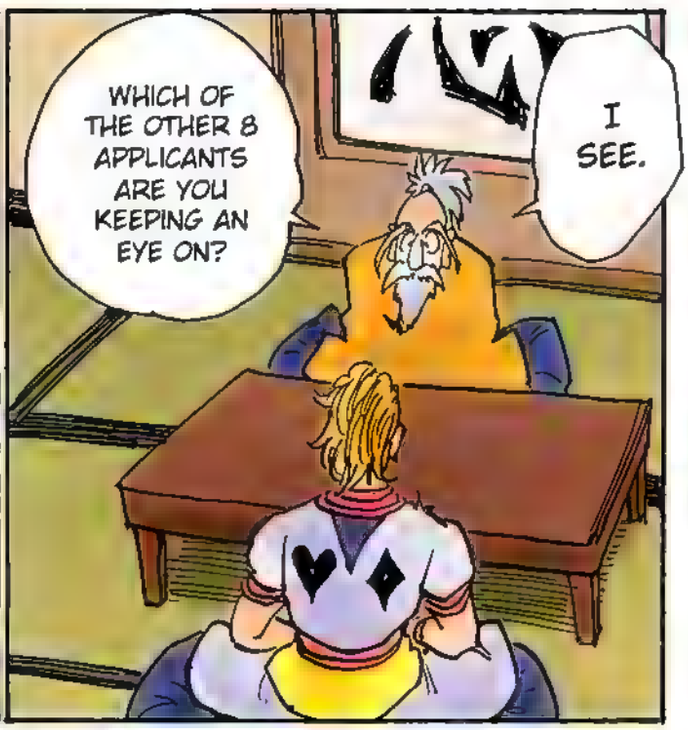
DON'T TELL ME THAT THIS IS THE EXAM'S FINAL PHASE, IS IT?

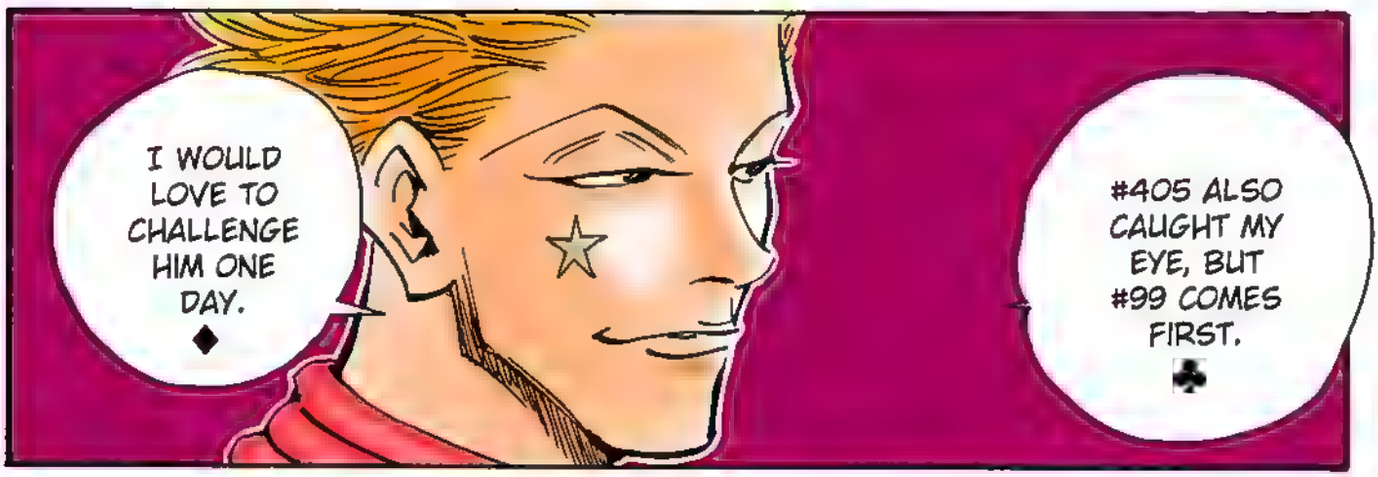

BUT, A HUNTER LICENSE CAN BE VERY USEFUL. ♥
NO PARTICULAR REASON...
FIRST, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A HUNTER?

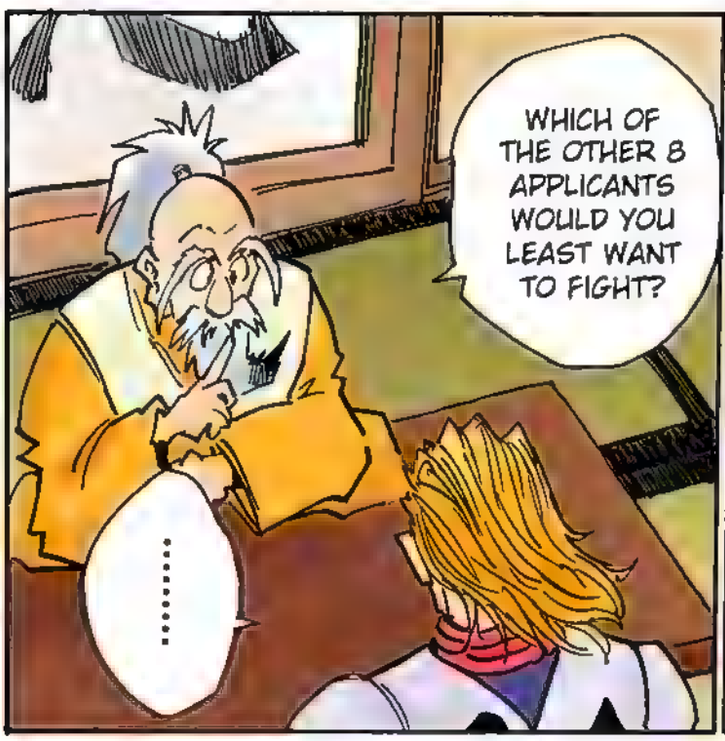

...AS A HUNTER I'M MORE LIKELY TO GET AWAY WITH IT. ♠
FOR EXAMPLE, IF I HAPPEN TO KILL SOMEONE...




NUMBER 99. ♥


WHICH OF THE OTHER 8 APPLICANTS ARE YOU KEEPING AN EYE ON?
I SEE.


I WOULD LOVE TO CHALLENGE HIM ONE DAY. ♦
#405 ALSO CAUGHT MY EYE, BUT #99 COMES FIRST. ♣


WHICH OF THE OTHER 8 APPLICANTS WOULD YOU LEAST WANT TO FIGHT?
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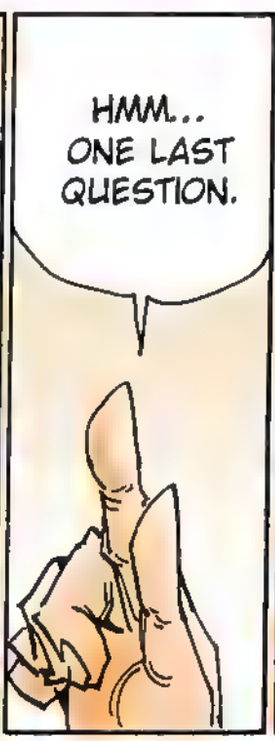
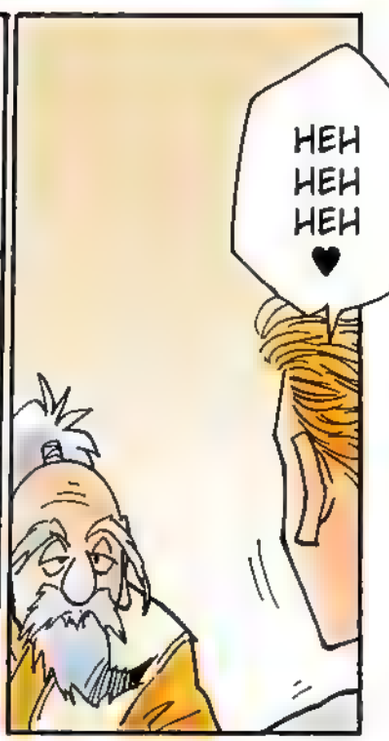

HMM... ONE LAST QUESTION.


HEH HEH HEH ♥

#99 IS ALSO UP THERE...

THAT WOULD BE #405... ♣

...IS YOU. ♠

I SHOULD MENTION THAT THE ONE I WANT TO FIGHT THE MOST...

...WOULD BE #405 AT THE MOMENT. ◆

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THEM RIGHT NOW... WHO I WANT TO FIGHT THE LEAST...

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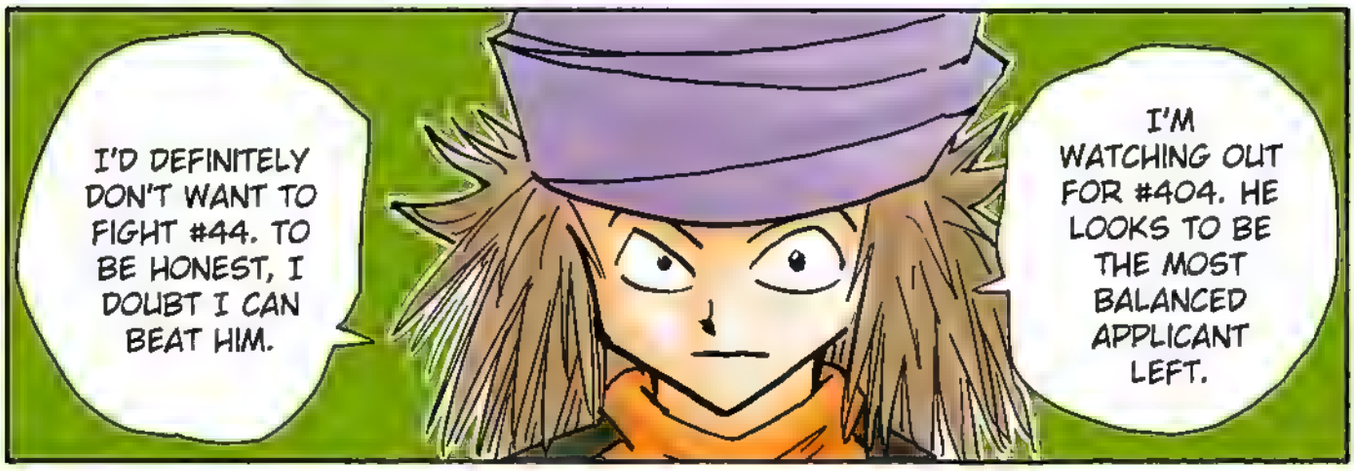
YOU'RE EXCUSED.

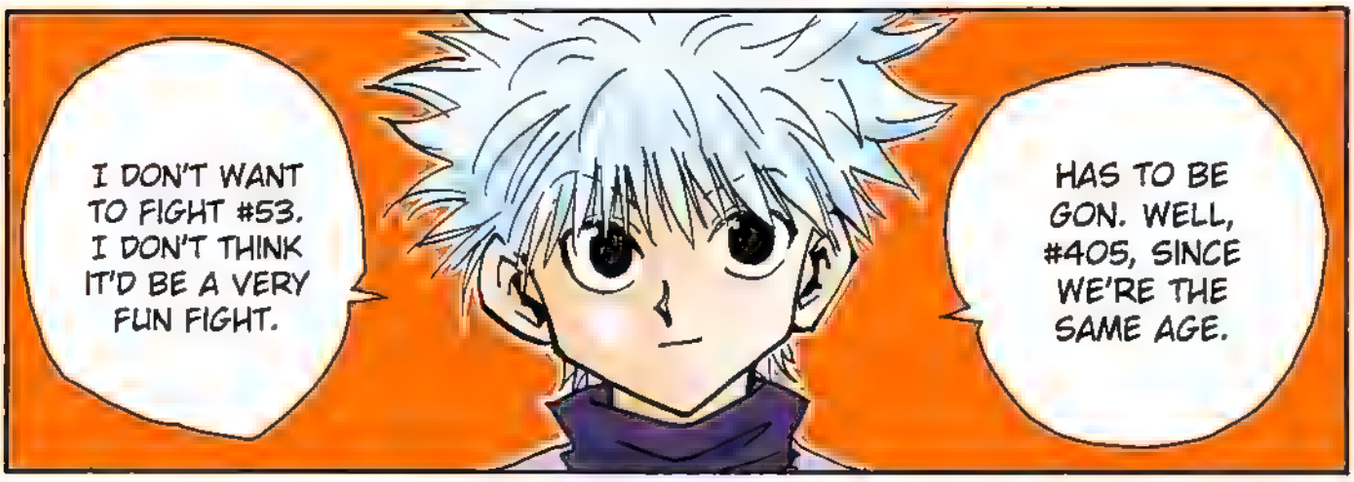
HMM

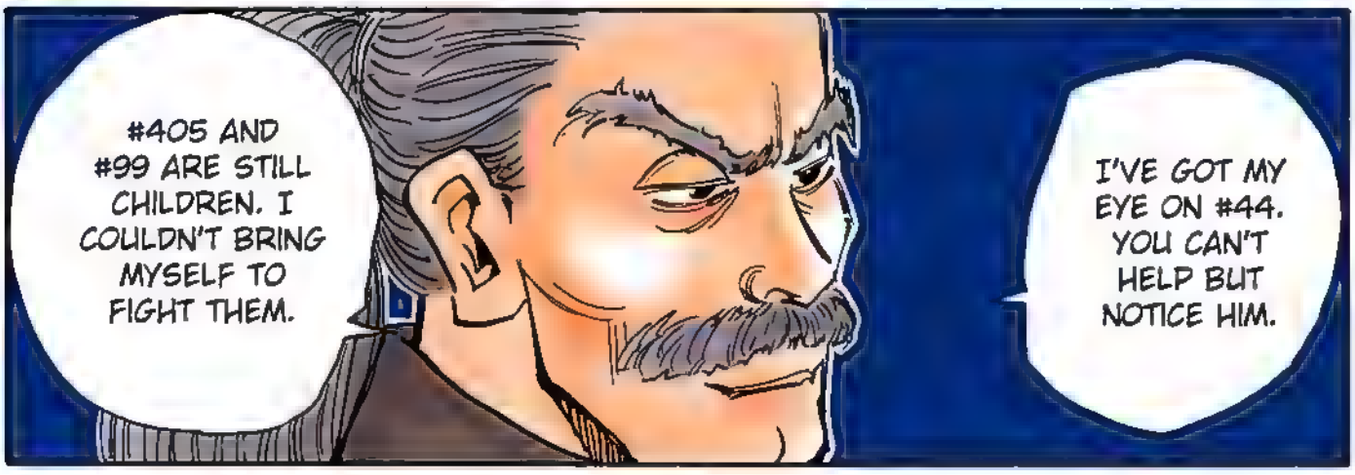
OKAY, NICE JOB.

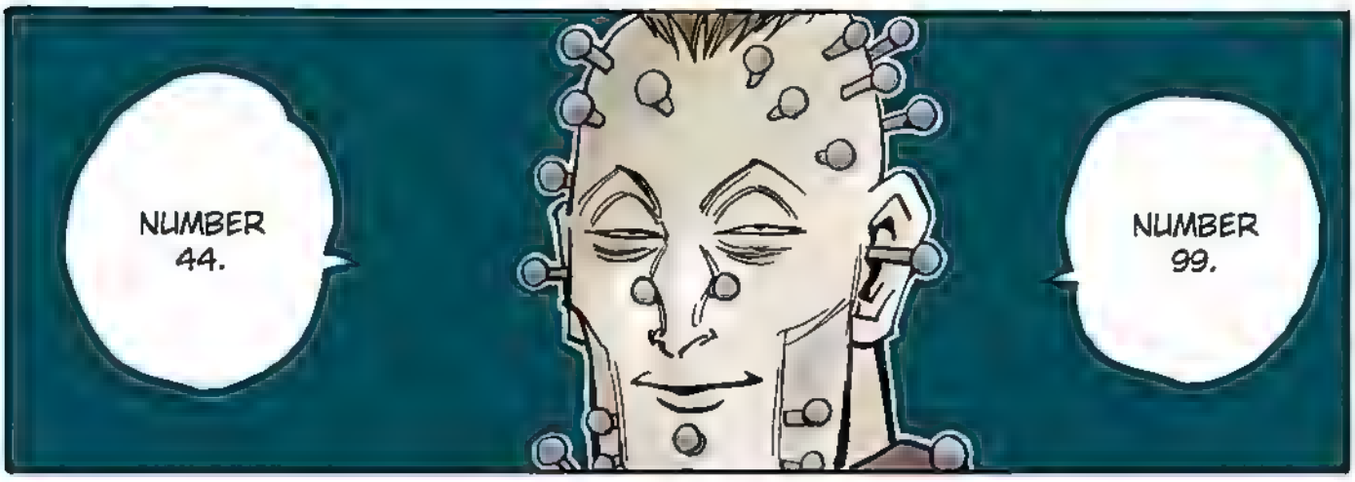
HE LEFT HIMSELF SO OPEN, I LOST MY EDGE. ♣

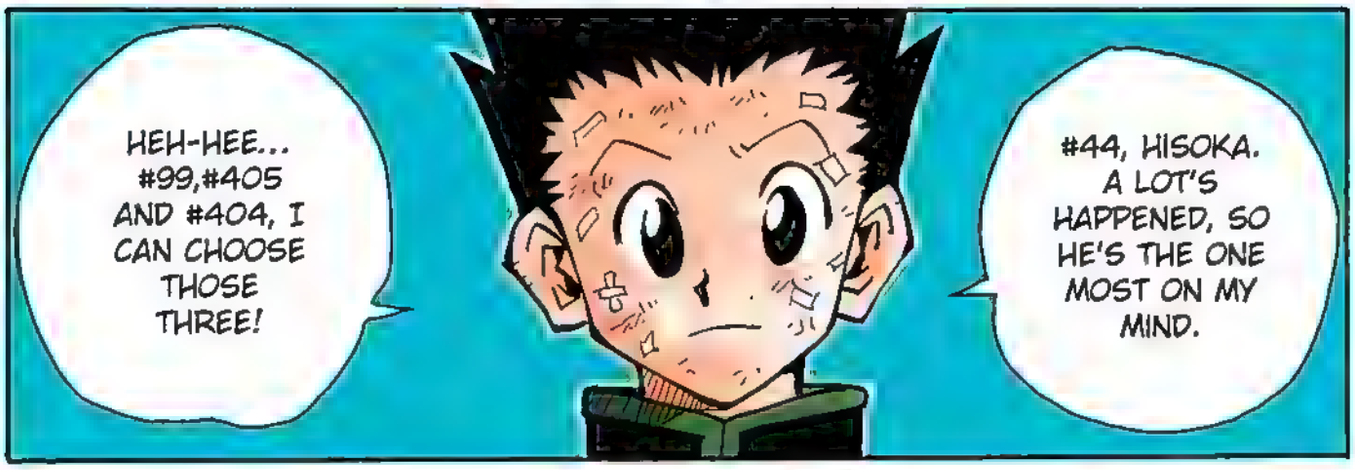
THAT'S ONE SLY OLD MAN... ♠

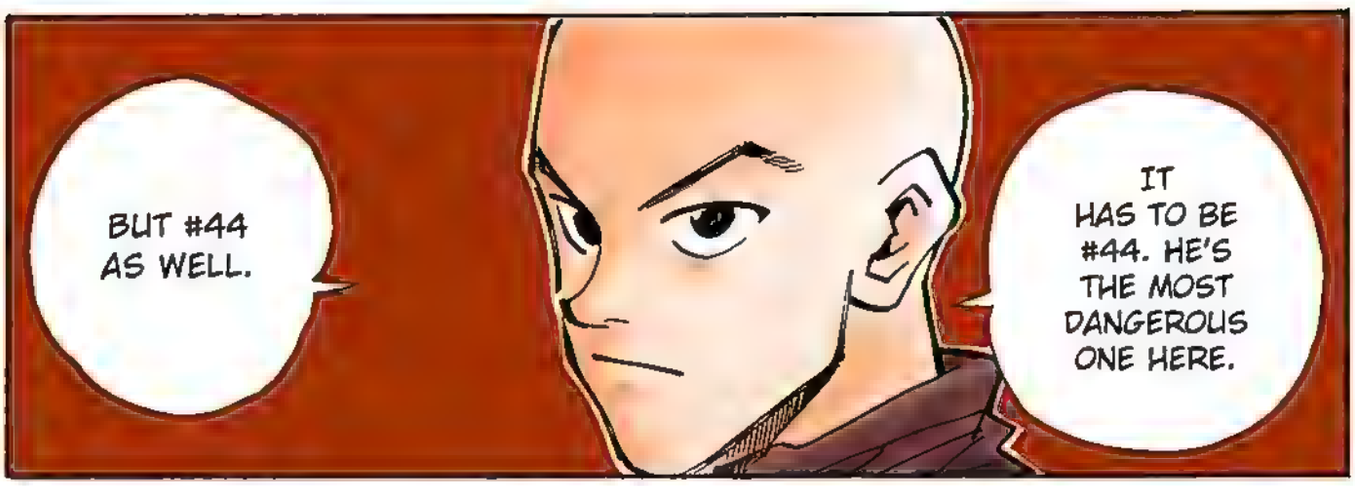

I'D DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT #44. TO BE HONEST, I DOUBT I CAN BEAT HIM.
I'M WATCHING OUT FOR #404. HE LOOKS TO BE THE MOST BALANCED APPLICANT LEFT.

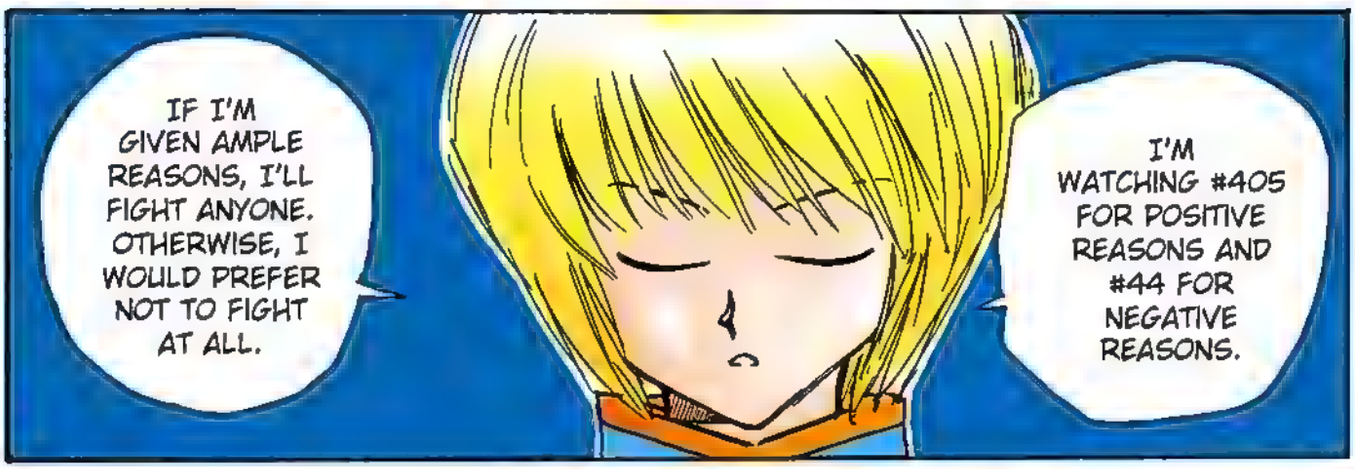

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT #53. I DON'T THINK IT'D BE A VERY FUN FIGHT.
HAS TO BE GON. WELL, #405, SINCE WE'RE THE SAME AGE.

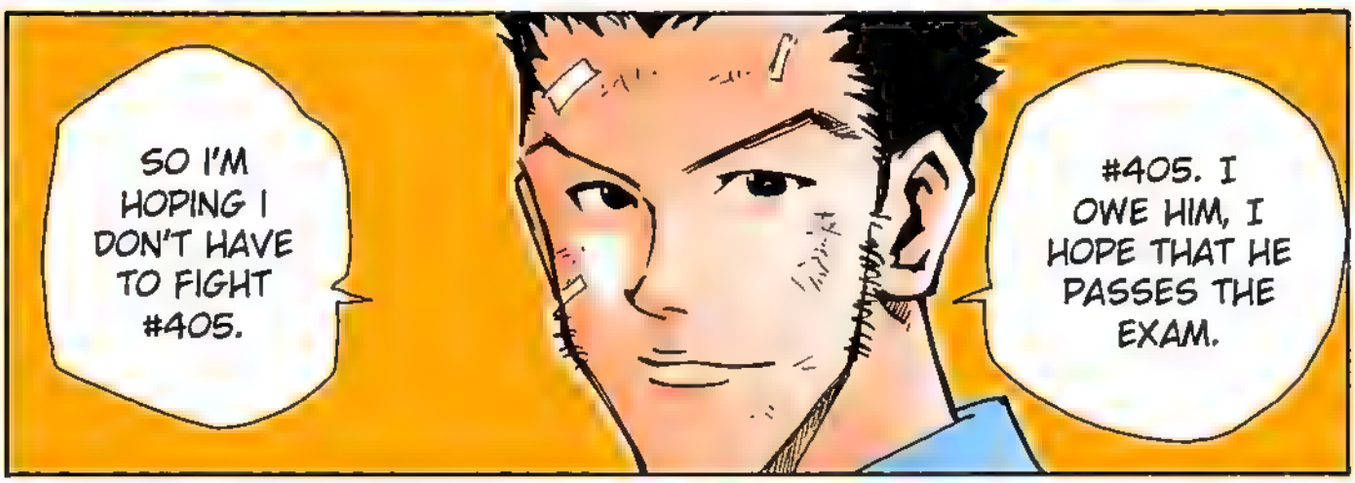

#405 AND #99 ARE STILL CHILDREN. I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO FIGHT THEM.
I'VE GOT MY EYE ON #44. YOU CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE HIM.


NUMBER 44.
NUMBER 99.

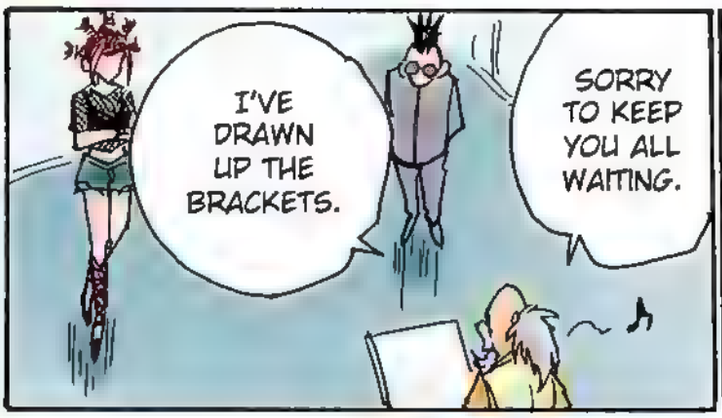

HEH-HEE... #99,#405 AND #404, I CAN CHOOSE THOSE THREE!
#44, HISOKA. A LOT'S HAPPENED, SO HE'S THE ONE MOST ON MY MIND.

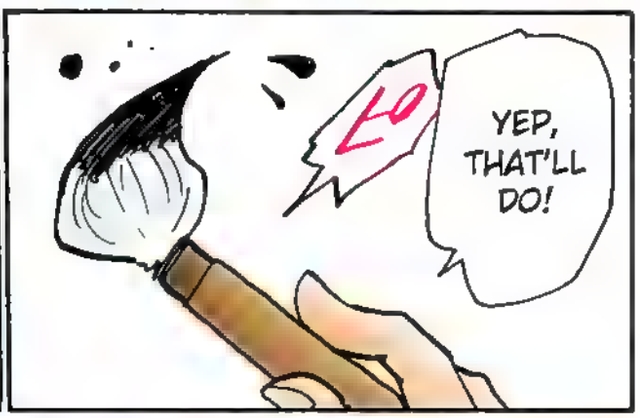

BUT #44 AS WELL.
IT HAS TO BE #44. HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS ONE HERE.

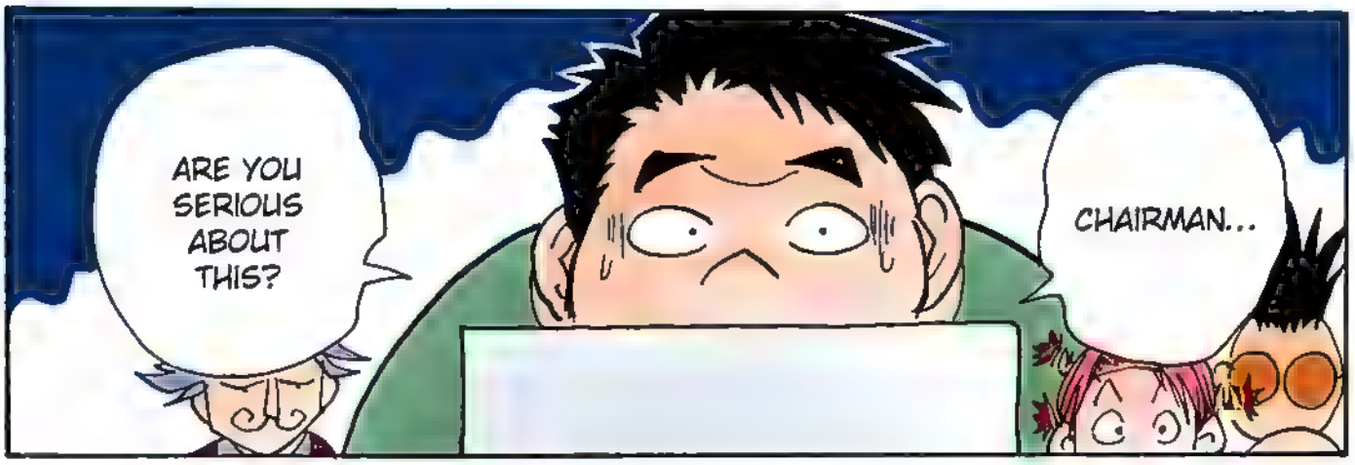

IF I'M GIVEN AMPLE REASONS, I'LL FIGHT ANYONE. OTHERWISE, I WOULD PREFER NOT TO FIGHT AT ALL.
I'M WATCHING #405 FOR POSITIVE REASONS AND #44 FOR NEGATIVE REASONS.


SO I'M HOPING I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT #405.
#405. I OWE HIM, I HOPE THAT HE PASSES THE EXAM.

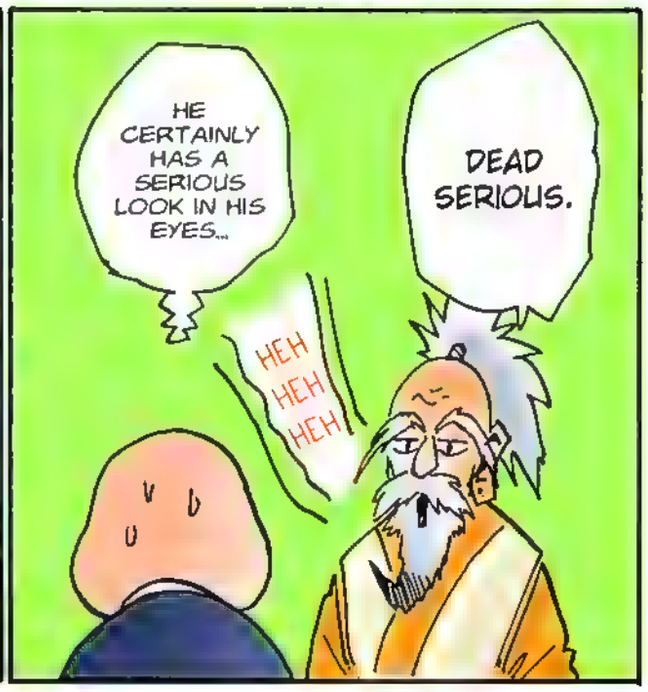
...WERE MORE LOPSIDED THAN I EXPECTED.
HMM, THE RESULTS...


I'VE DRAWN UP THE BRACKETS.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING.

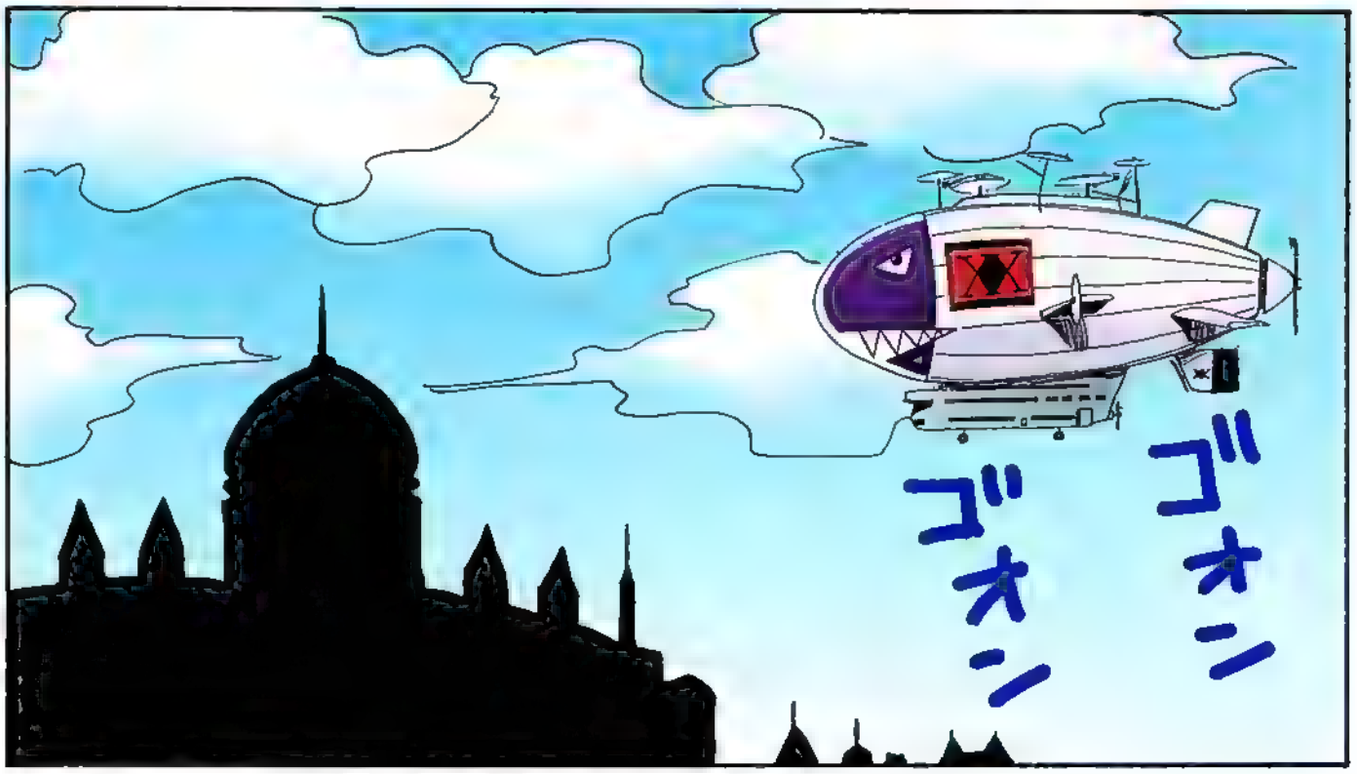

YEP, THAT'LL DO!


ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?
CHAIRMAN...

IN A FEW MINUTES, WE WILL BE ARRIVING AT THE SITE FOR THE FINAL PHASE.
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.


HE CERTAINLY HAS A SERIOUS LOOK IN HIS EYES...
DEAD SERIOUS.
HEH HEH HEH

...WILL JOIN THE RANK OF THE HUNTERS.
THOSE WHO WIN...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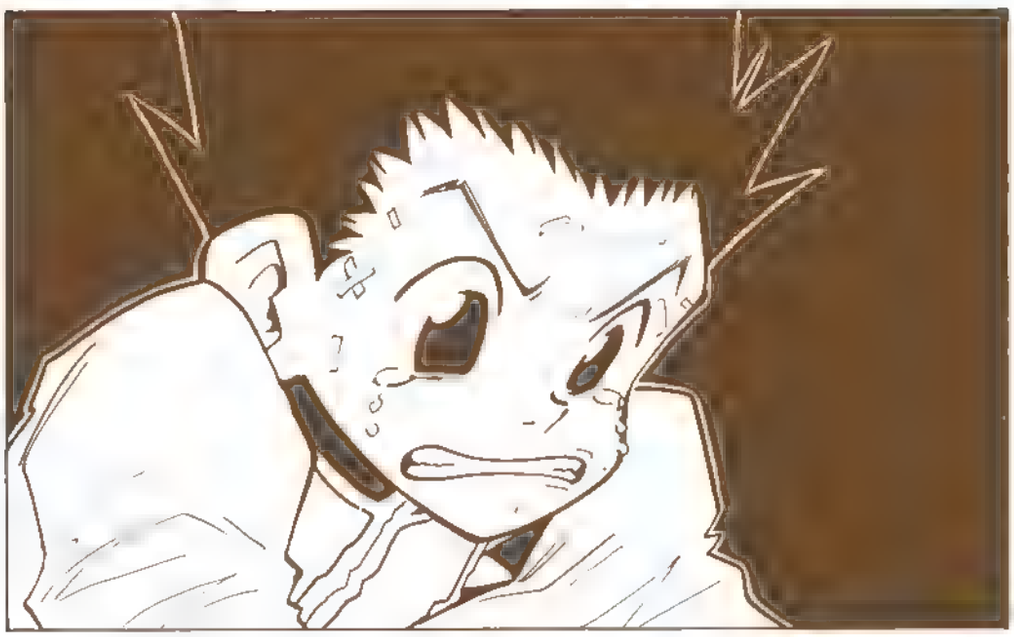

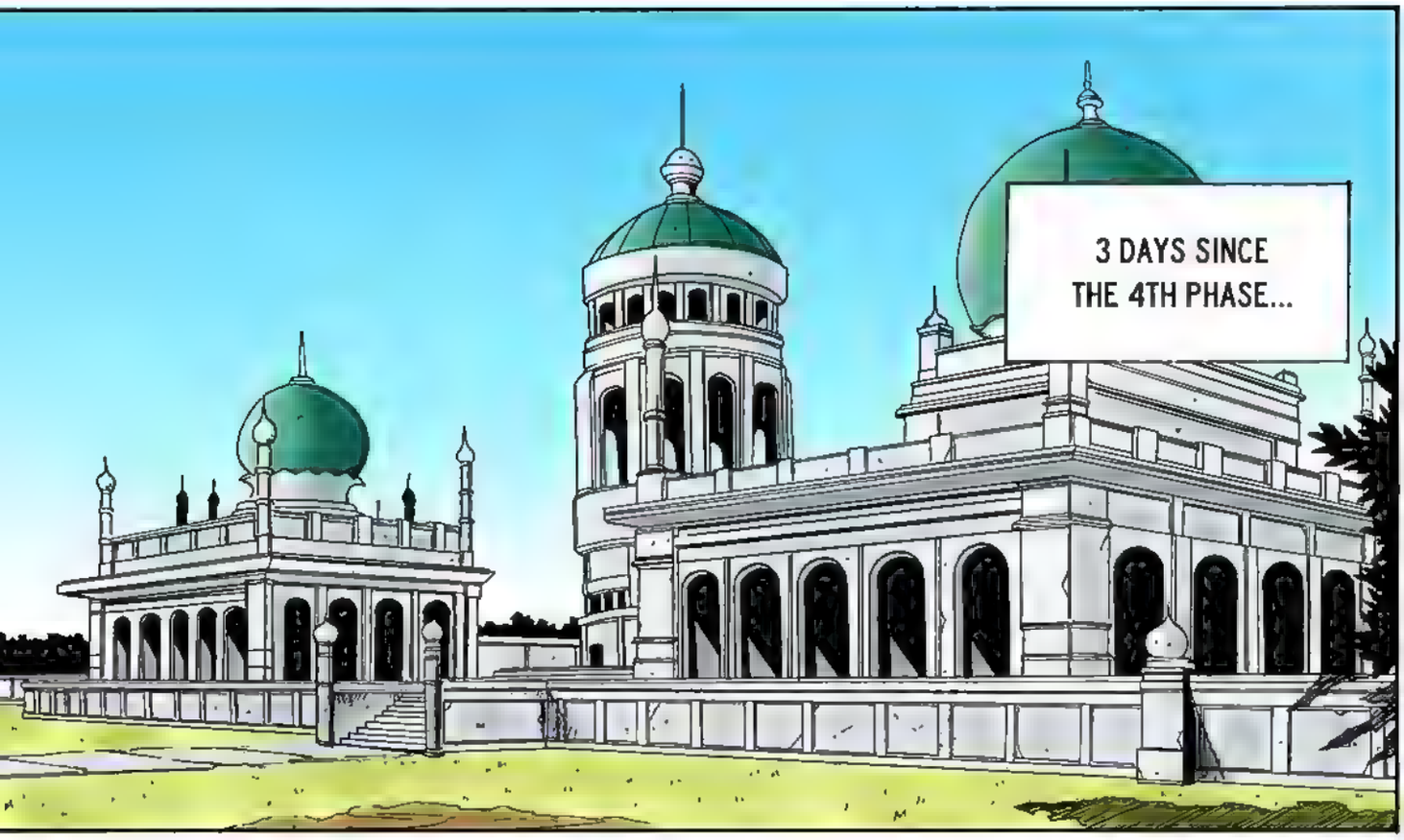

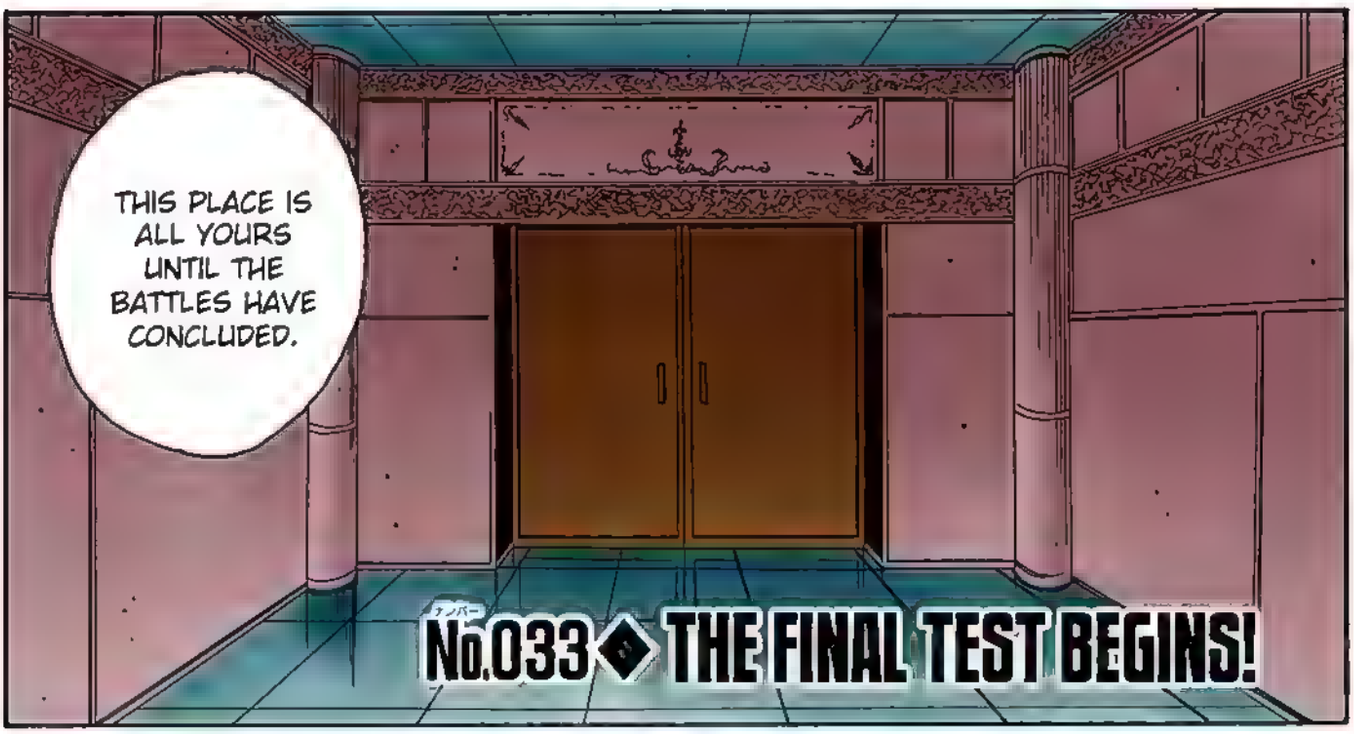

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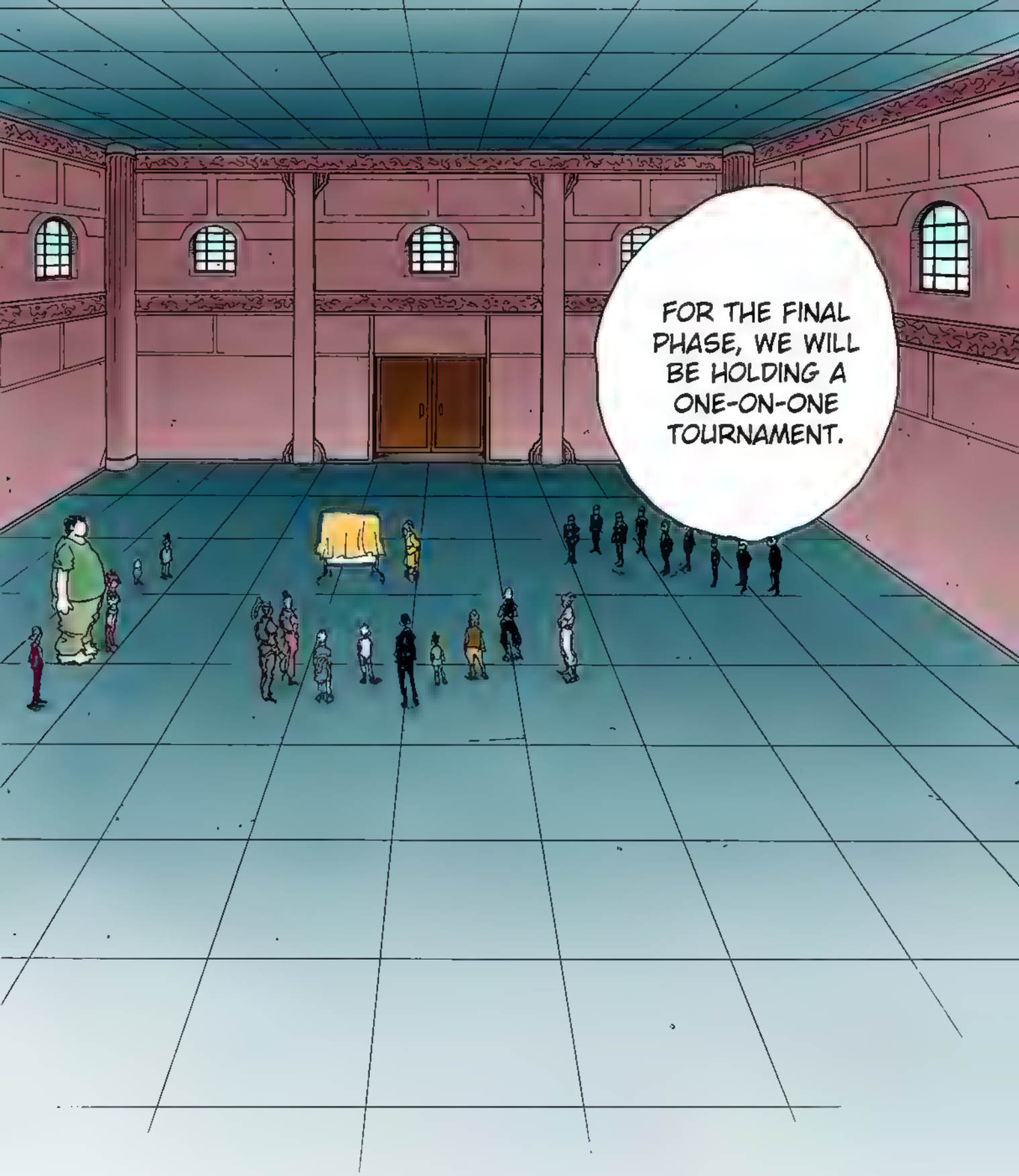

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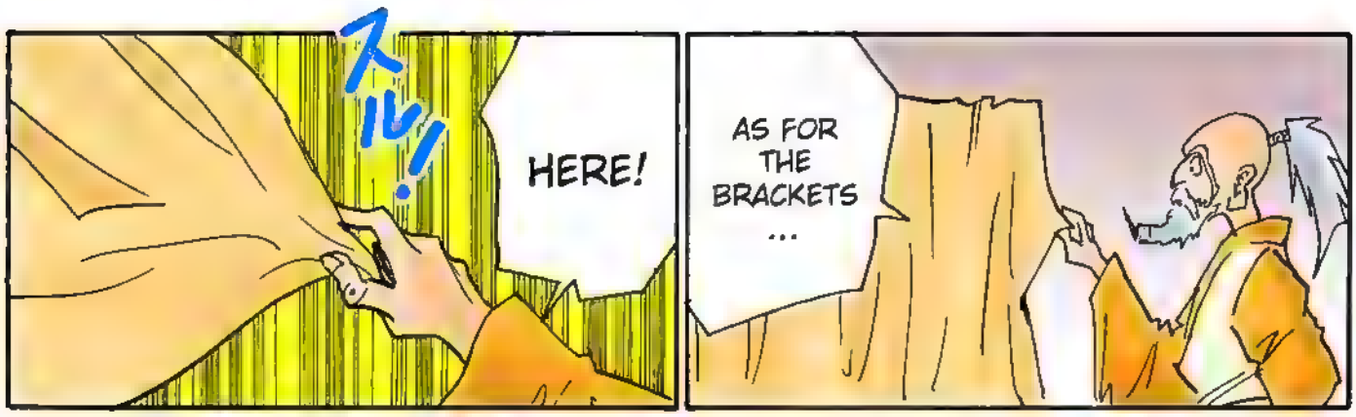
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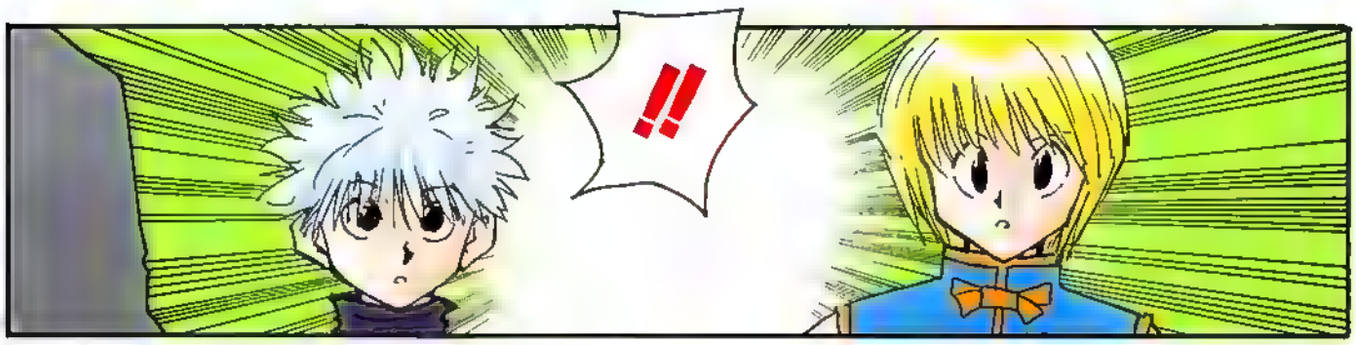
HERE!
AS FOR THE BRACKETS ...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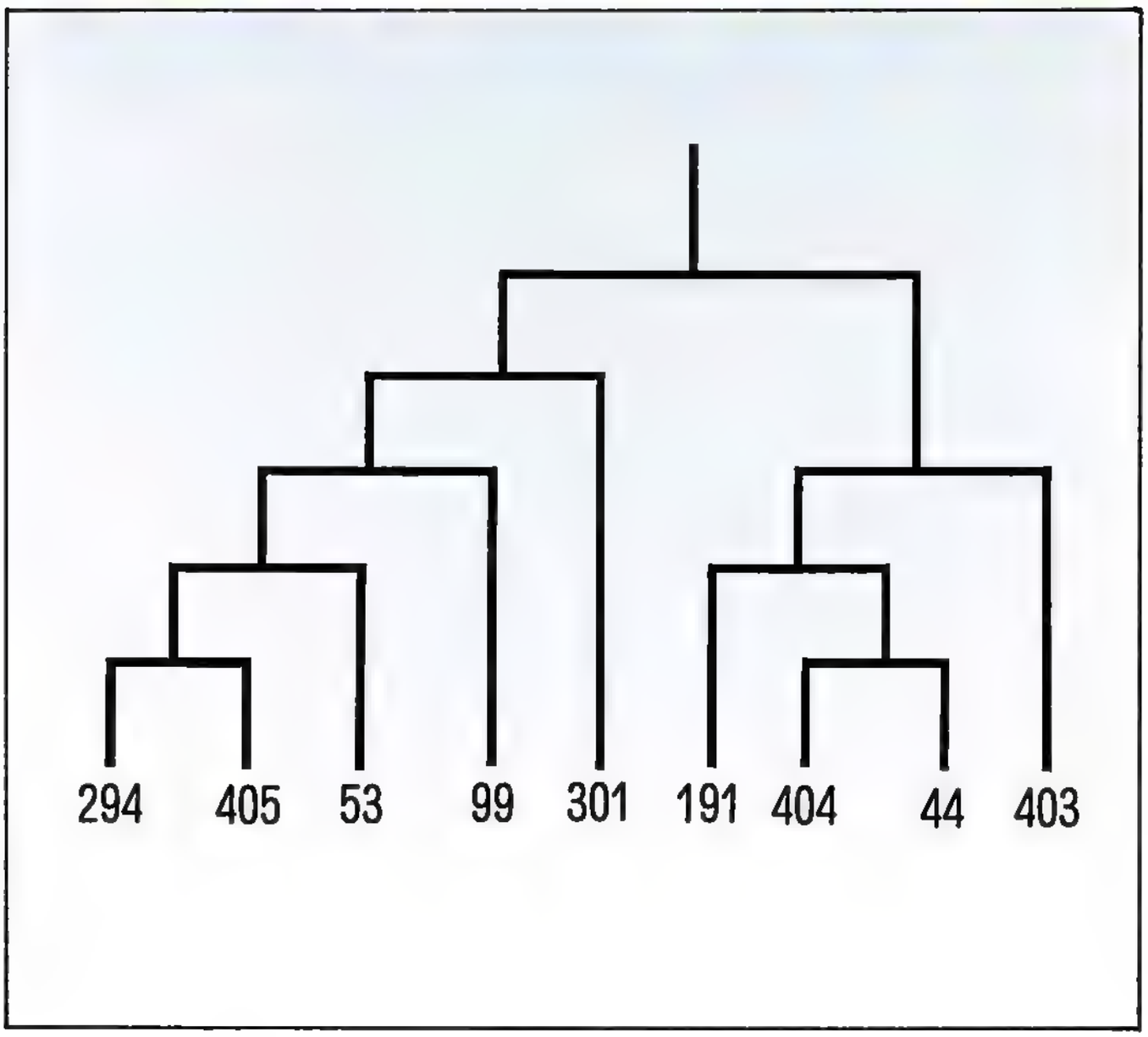
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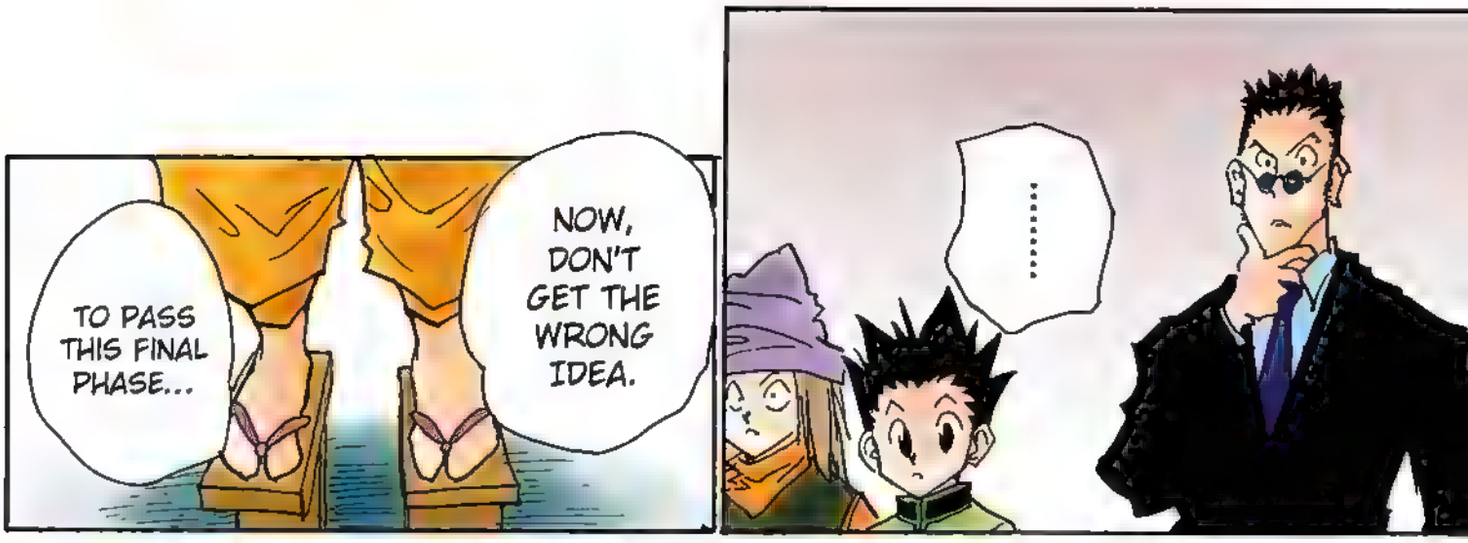
TO PASS THIS FINAL PHASE...
NOW, DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
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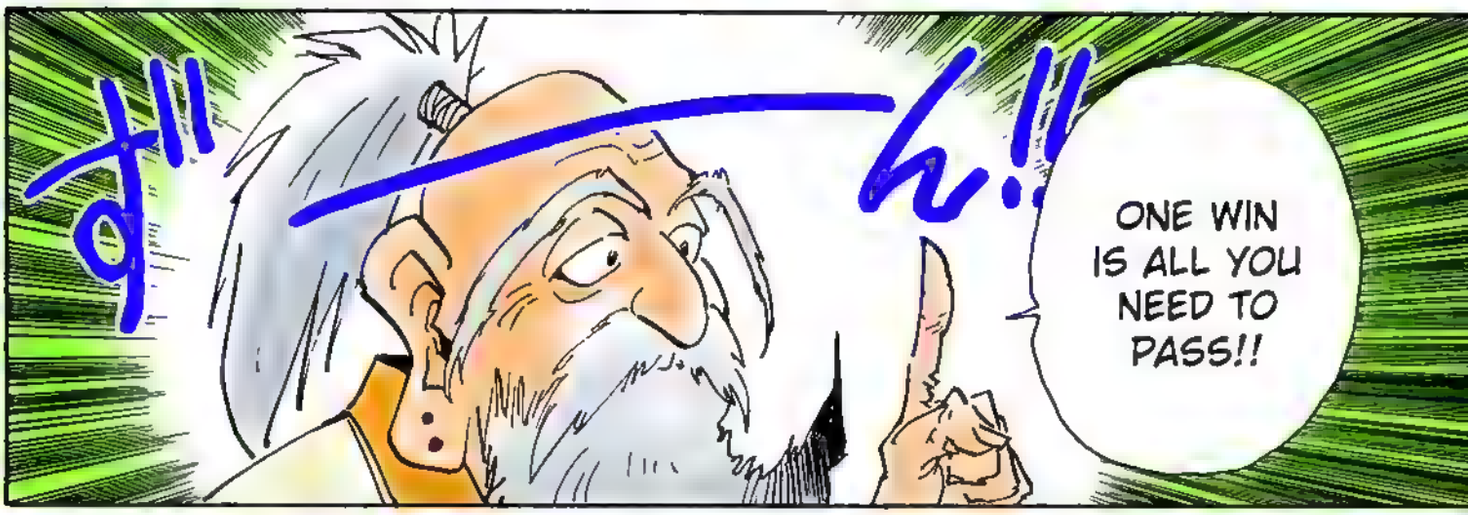
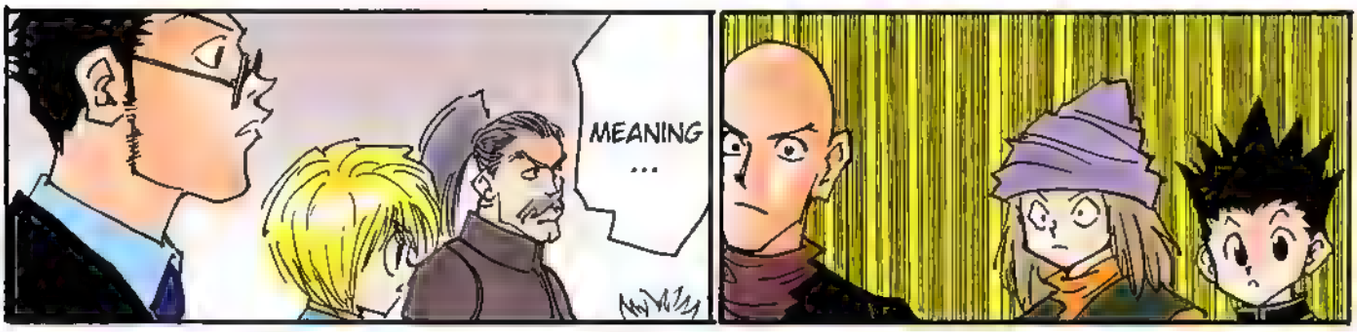
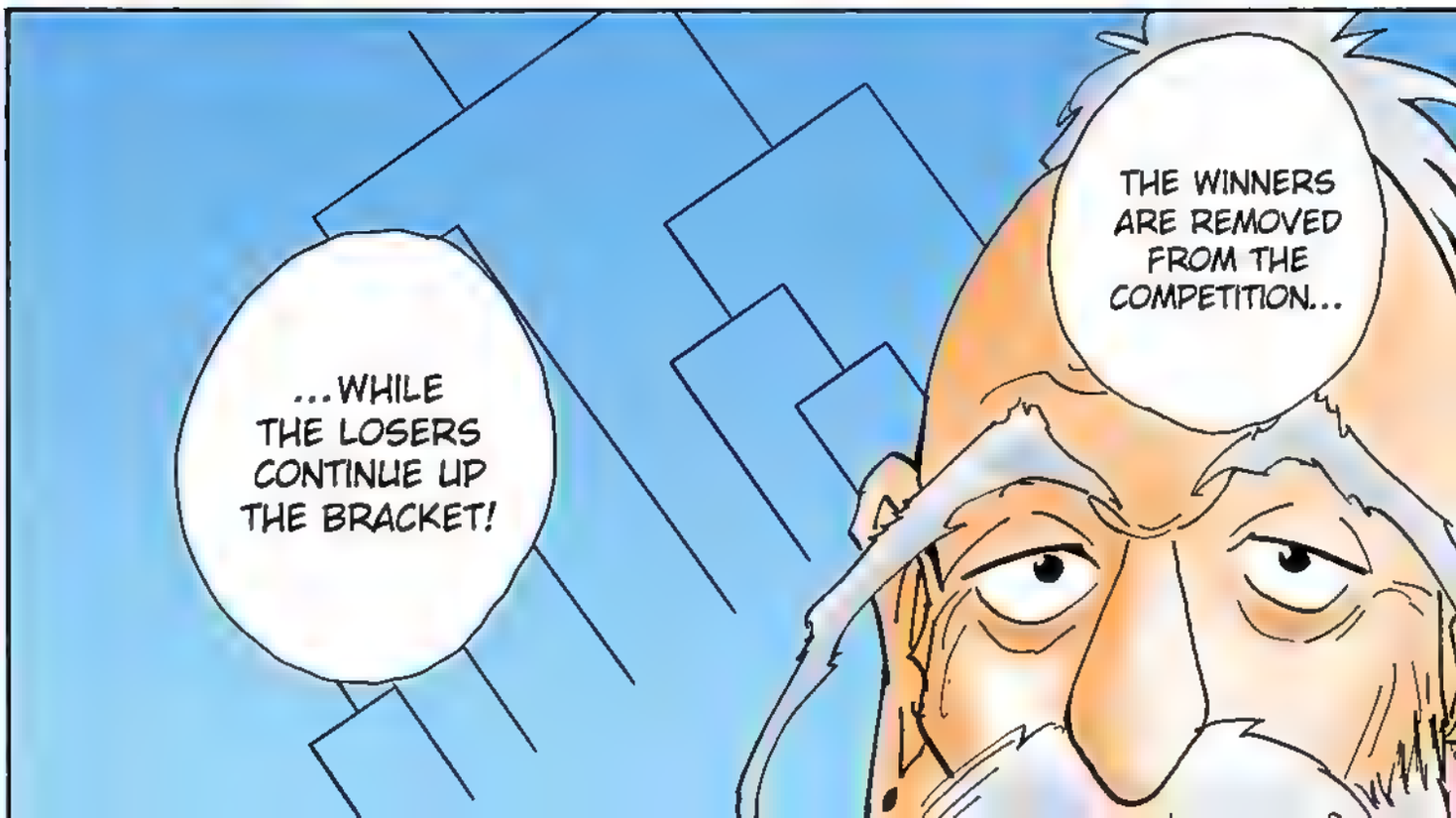

ONE WIN IS ALL YOU NEED TO PASS!!


MEANING ...

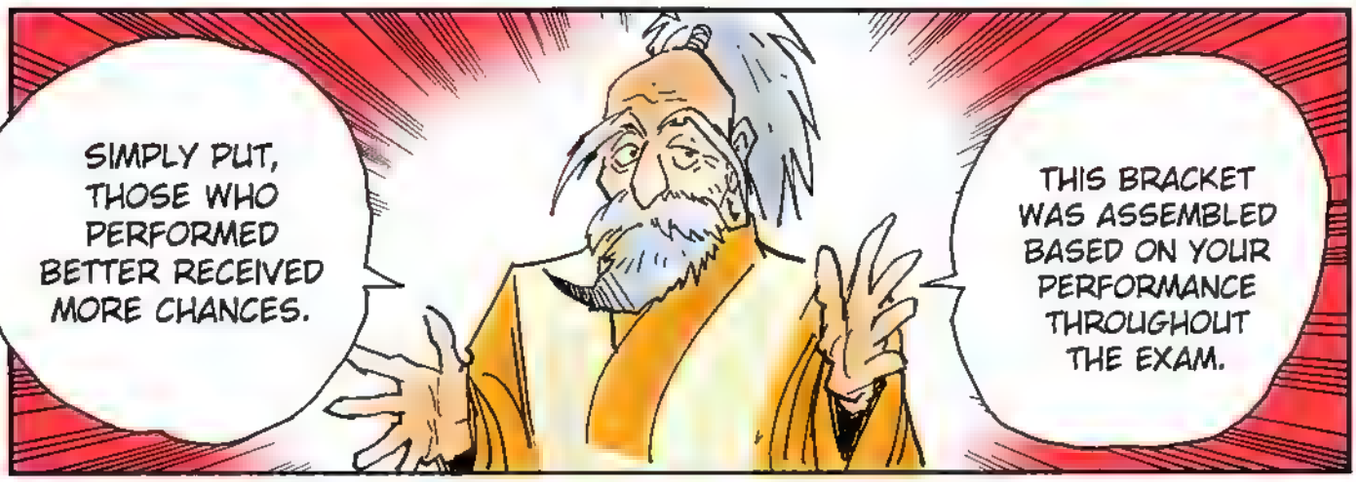

THE WINNERS ARE REMOVED FROM THE COMPETITION...
...WHILE THE LOSERS CONTINUE UP THE BRACKET!

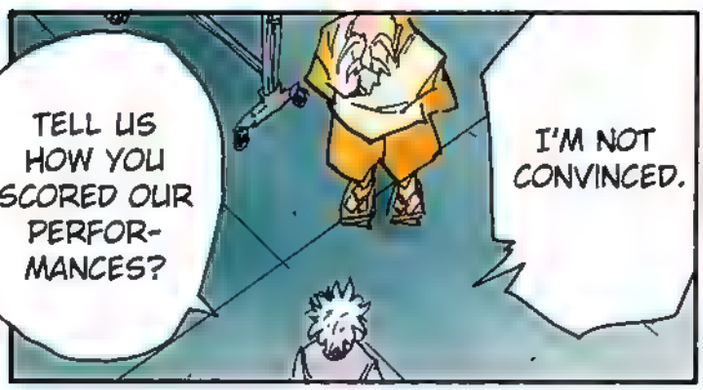
ANY QUESTIONS ?
AFTER ALL, EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST TWO CHANCES TO WIN.

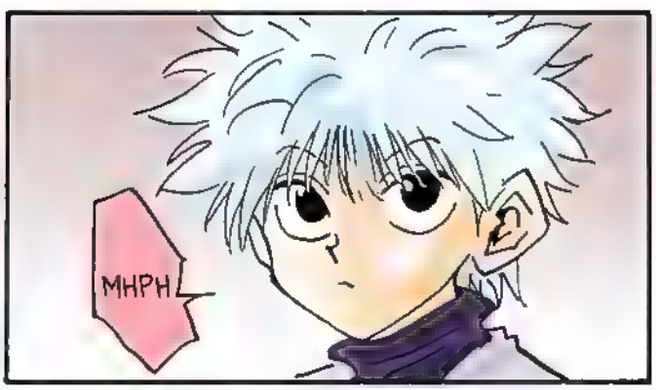
YES.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT ONLY ONE PERSON WILL FAIL.

DOES EVERYONE UNDER-STAND NOW?
IN OTHER WORDS, THE PERSON WHO FINISHED AT THE TOP WILL NOT PASS.

A QUESTION THAT MUST BE ON EVERYONE'S MIND.
OF COURSE YOU'D ASKED THAT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU USE A BALANCED BRACKET?


SIMPLY PUT, THOSE WHO PERFORMED BETTER RECEIVED MORE CHANCES.
THIS BRACKET WAS ASSEMBLED BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THE EXAM.


TELL US HOW YOU SCORED OUR PERFOR-MANCES?
I'M NOT CONVINCED.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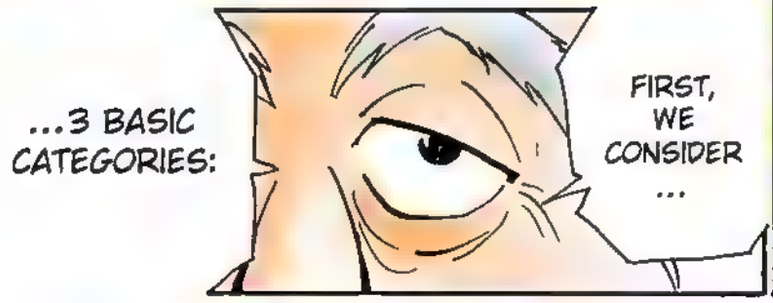
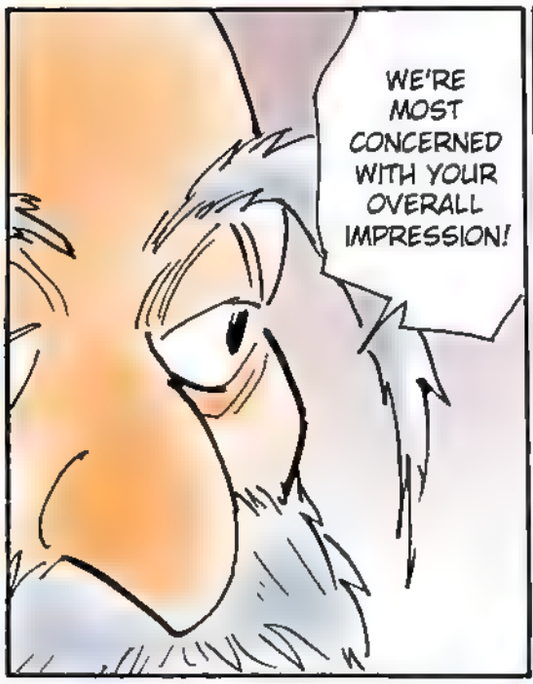
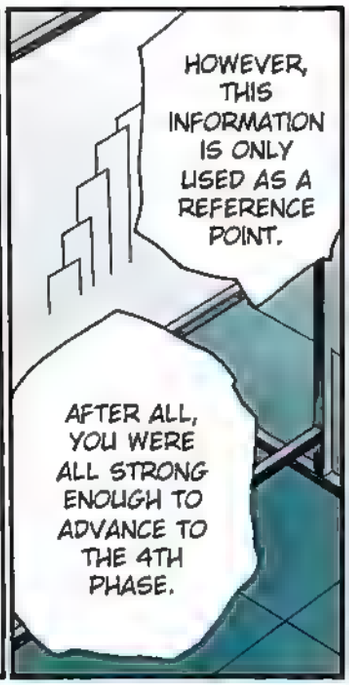
BUT I CAN EXPLAIN OUR METHODS.
YOUR SCORES ARE CLASSIFIED. I CAN'T REVEAL YOUR ACTUAL SCORES.

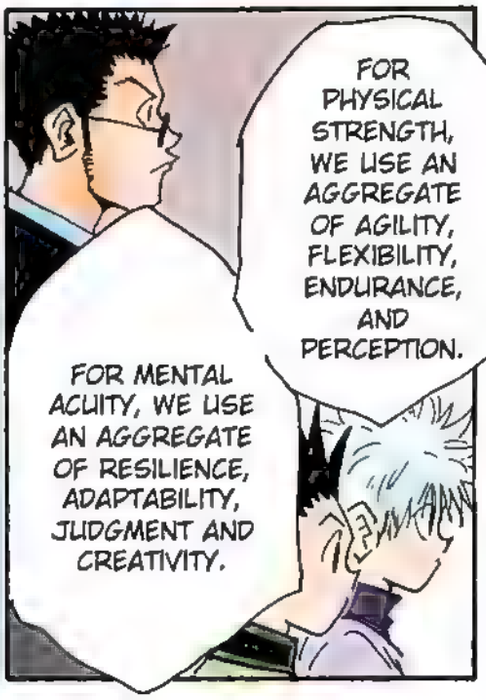
WHY NOT ?!!
NOPE.

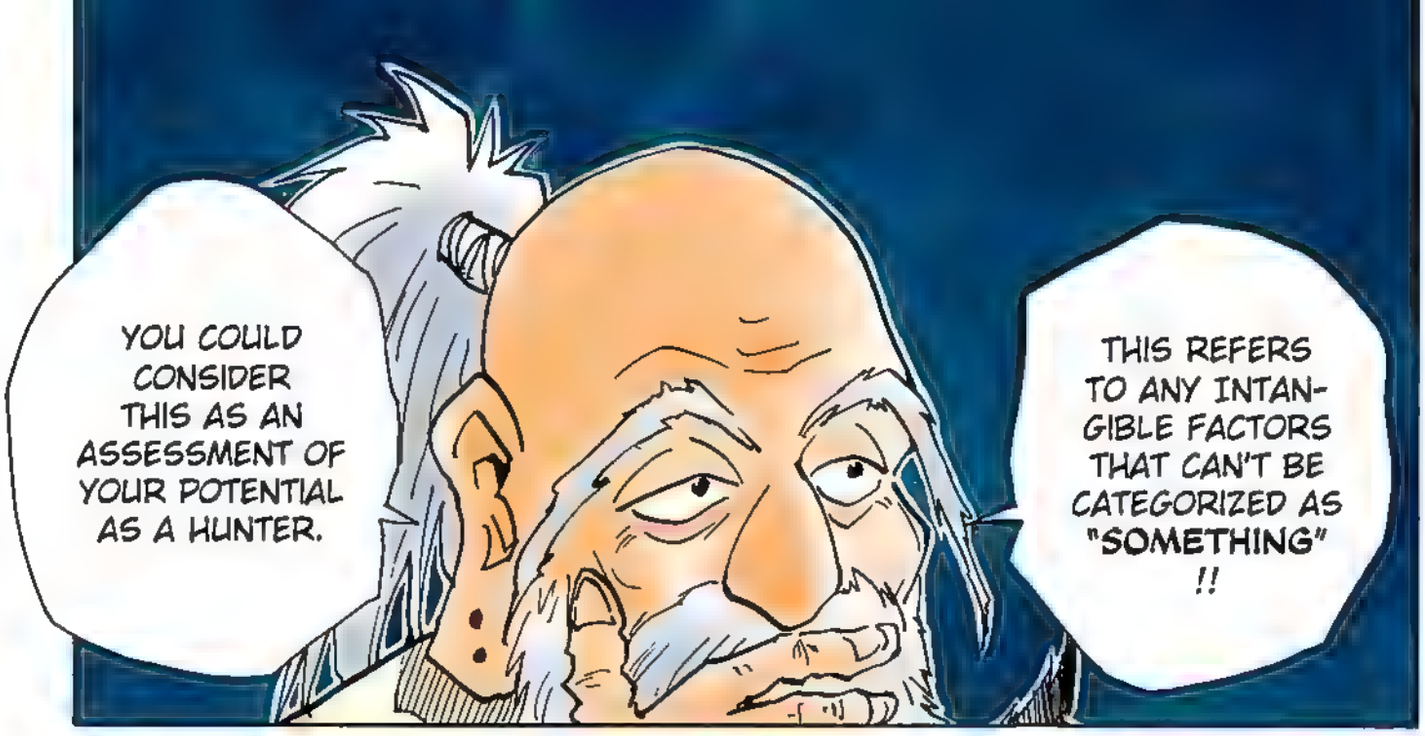

...3 BASIC CATEGORIES:
FIRST, WE CONSIDER ...

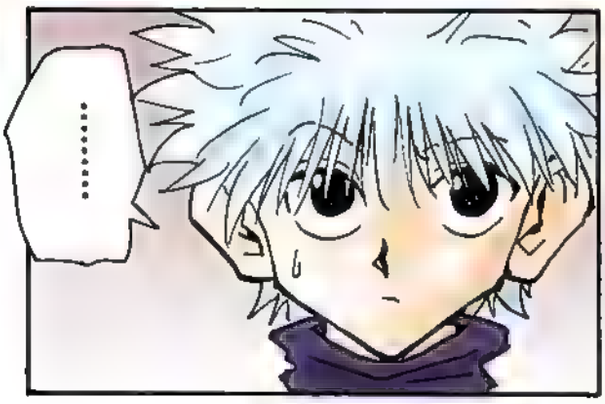
FOR STARTERS...
PHYSICAL STRENGTH, MENTAL ACUITY AND OVERALL IMPRESSION.


WE'RE MOST CONCERNED WITH YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSION!


HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY USED AS A REFERENCE POINT.
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE ALL STRONG ENOUGH TO ADVANCE TO THE 4TH PHASE.


FOR PHYSICAL STRENGTH, WE USE AN AGGREGATE OF AGILITY, FLEXIBILITY, ENDURANCE, AND PERCEPTION.
FOR MENTAL ACUITY, WE USE AN AGGREGATE OF RESILIENCE, ADAPTABILITY, JUDGMENT AND CREATIVITY.


YOU COULD CONSIDER THIS AS AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR POTENTIAL AS A HUNTER.
THIS REFERS TO ANY INTANGIBLE FACTORS THAT CAN'T BE CATEGORIZED AS "SOMETHING" !!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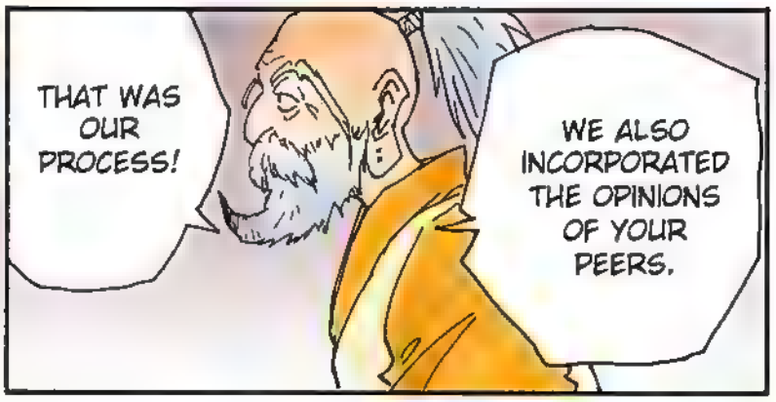
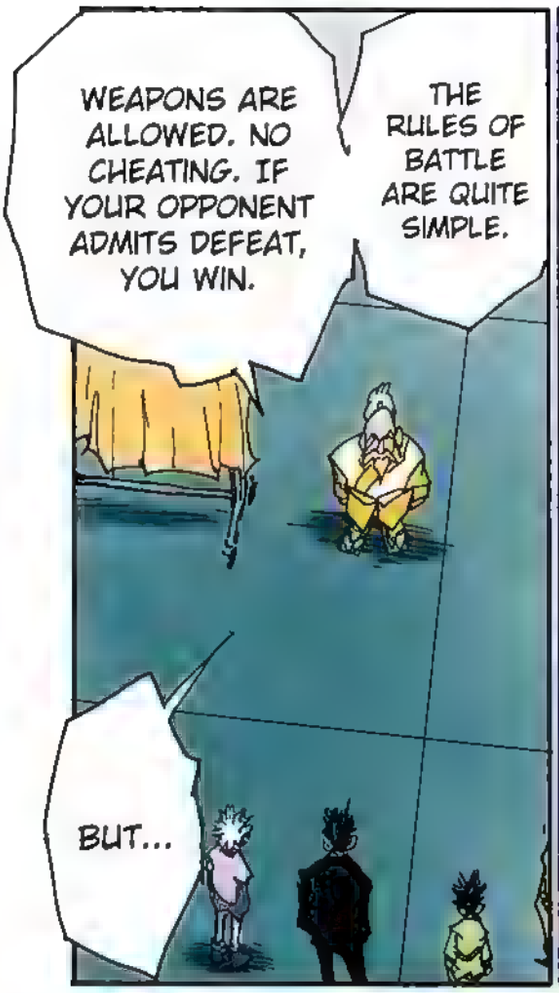
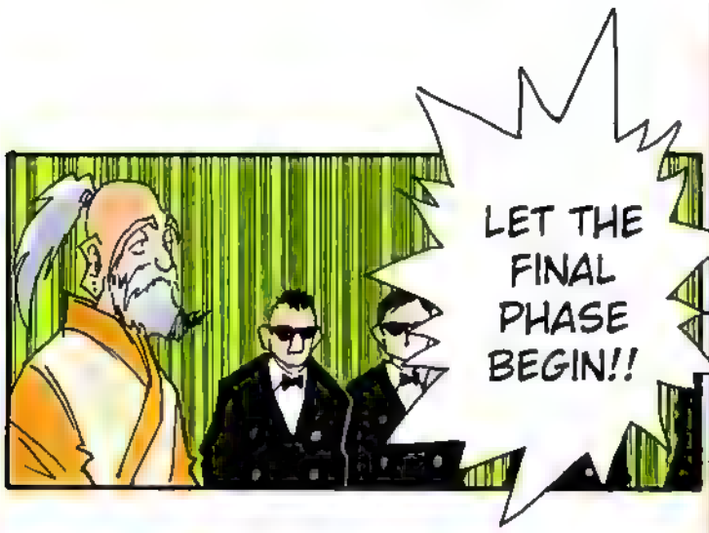
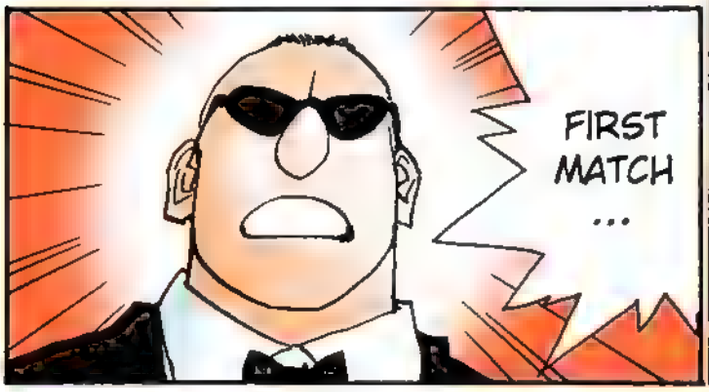

THAT WAS OUR PROCESS!
WE ALSO INCORPORATED THE OPINIONS OF YOUR PEERS.


WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED. NO CHEATING. IF YOUR OPPONENT ADMITS DEFEAT, YOU WIN.
THE RULES OF BATTLE ARE QUITE SIMPLE.
BUT...

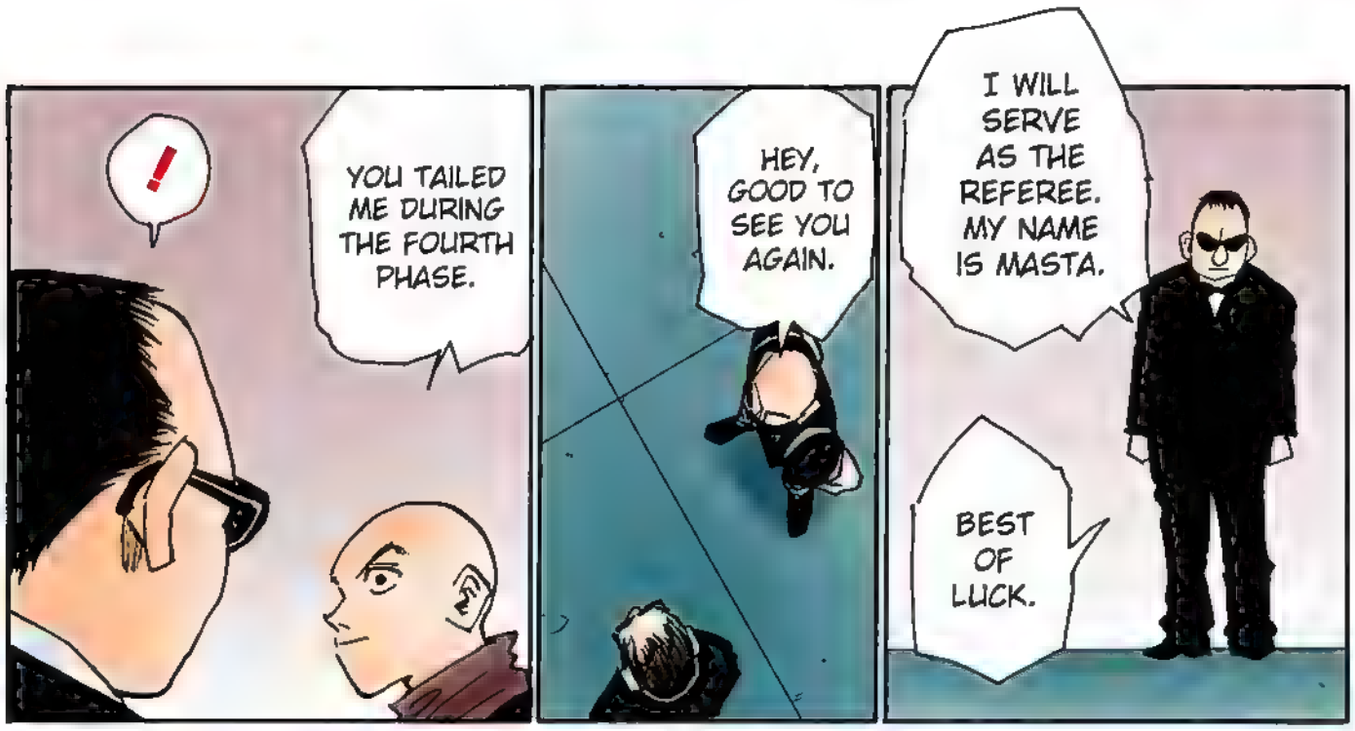
DO I HAVE LESS POTENTIAL THAN GON?!
BASED ON MY PERFORMANCE ON THE TEST, I SHOULD BE RANKED HIGHER...!!


LET THE FINAL PHASE BEGIN!!

IF YOU KILL YOUR OPPONENT, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED!
ALL REMAINING APPLICANTS WILL PASS AND THE EXAM WILL END.


FIRST MATCH ...

HANZO VS. GON!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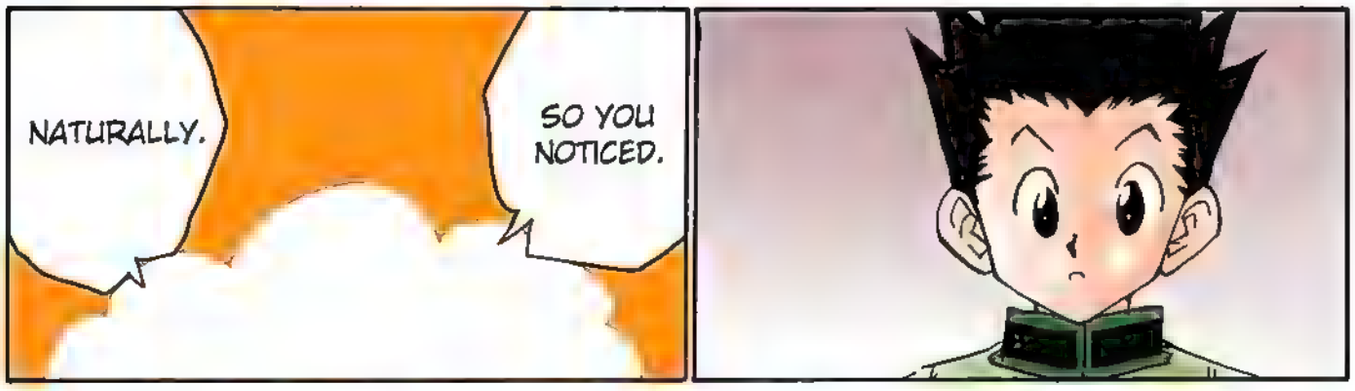
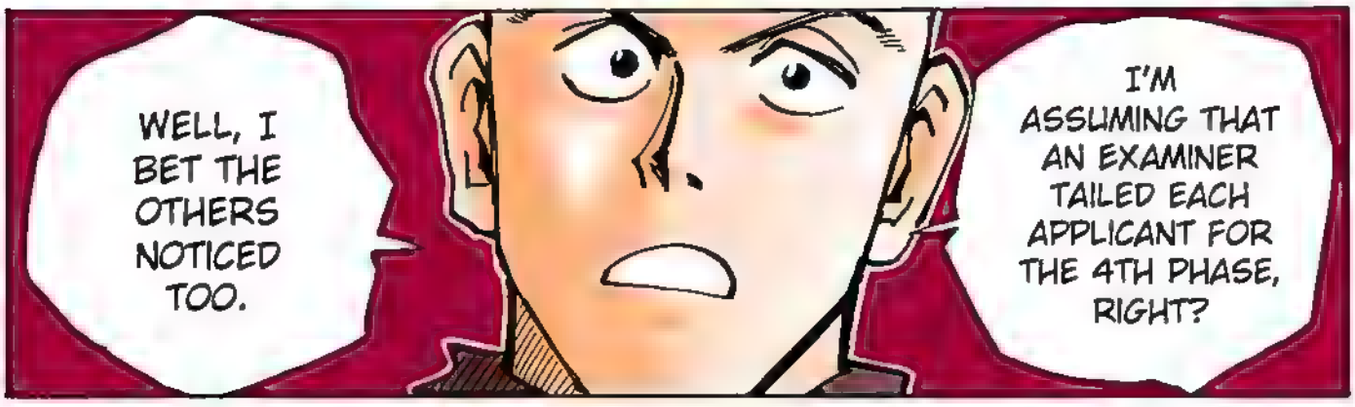
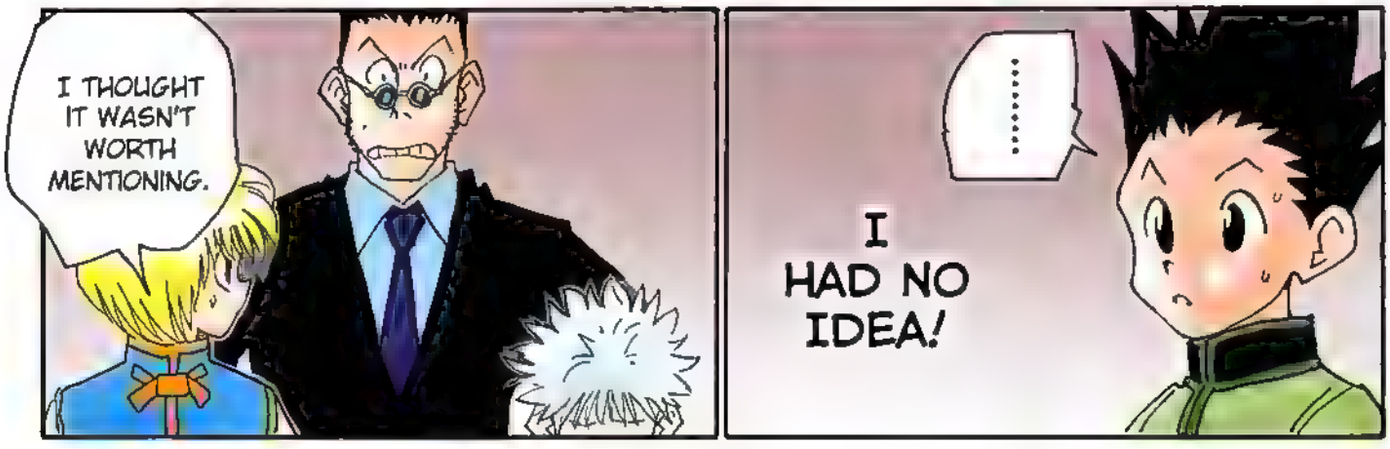
YOU TAILED ME DURING THE FOURTH PHASE.
HEY, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
I WILL SERVE AS THE REFEREE. MY NAME IS MASTA.
BEST OF LUCK.


NATURALLY.
SO YOU NOTICED.


WELL, I BET THE OTHERS NOTICED TOO.
I'M ASSUMING THAT AN EXAMINER TAILED EACH APPLICANT FOR THE 4TH PHASE, RIGHT?


I THOUGHT IT WASN'T WORTH MENTIONING.
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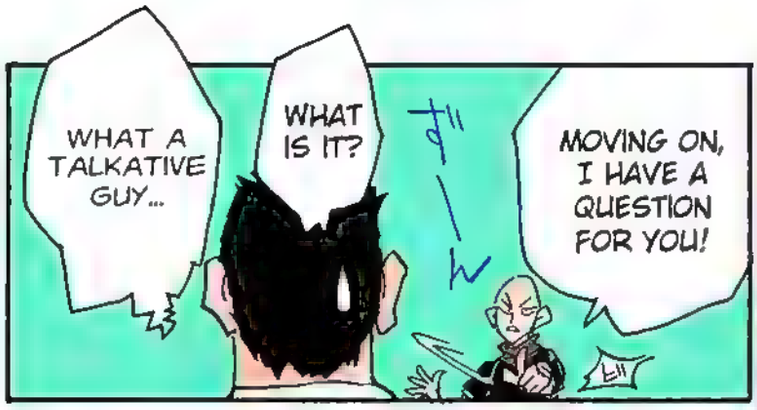
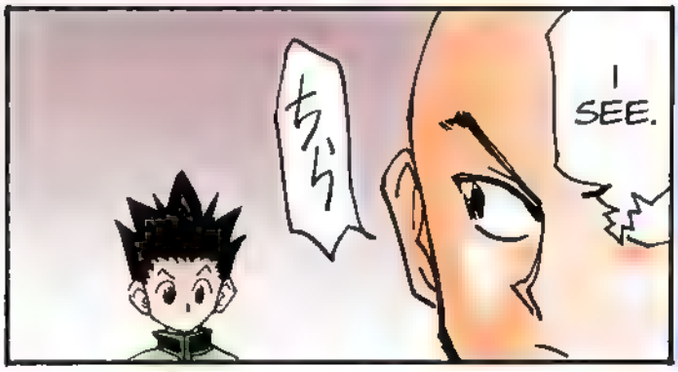
I HAD NO IDEA!


WHAT A TALKATIVE GUY...
WHAT IS IT?
MOVING ON, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU!

SURE...
YOU HAVE MY THANKS!! MY RANK WAS HIGHER BECAUSE YOUR REPORTS ON ME WERE ACCURATE!
THOUGH THE OUTCOME WAS NEVER IN DOUBT!


IT DOESN'T COUNT IF WE KNOCK THEM UNCONSCIOUS. NO TKO ALLOWED, EITHER.
WE CAN ONLY WIN IF OUR OPPONENT "SURRENDERS", RIGHT?

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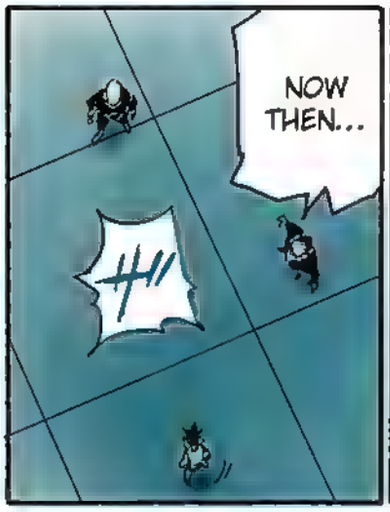
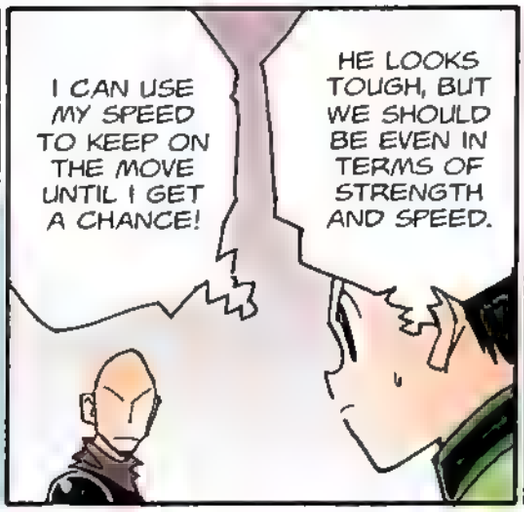
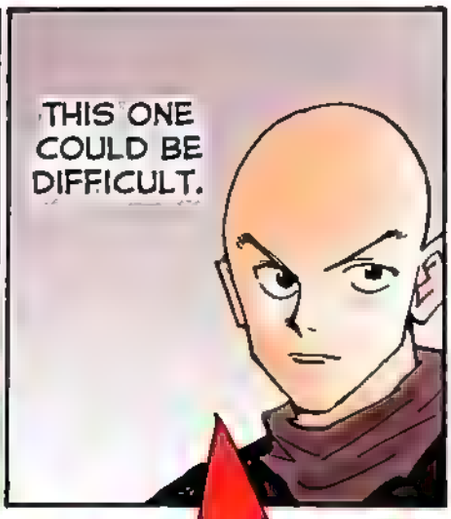
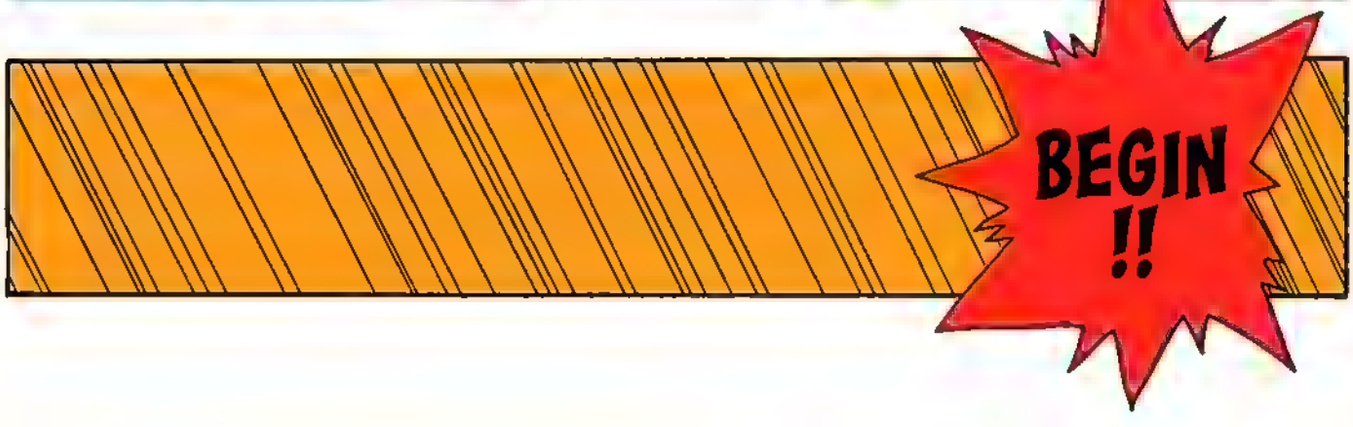
I SEE.

YES, THAT IS CORRECT.


NOW THEN...


I CAN USE MY SPEED TO KEEP ON THE MOVE UNTIL I GET A CHANCE!
HE LOOKS TOUGH, BUT WE SHOULD BE EVEN IN TERMS OF STRENGTH AND SPEED.


THIS ONE COULD BE DIFFICULT.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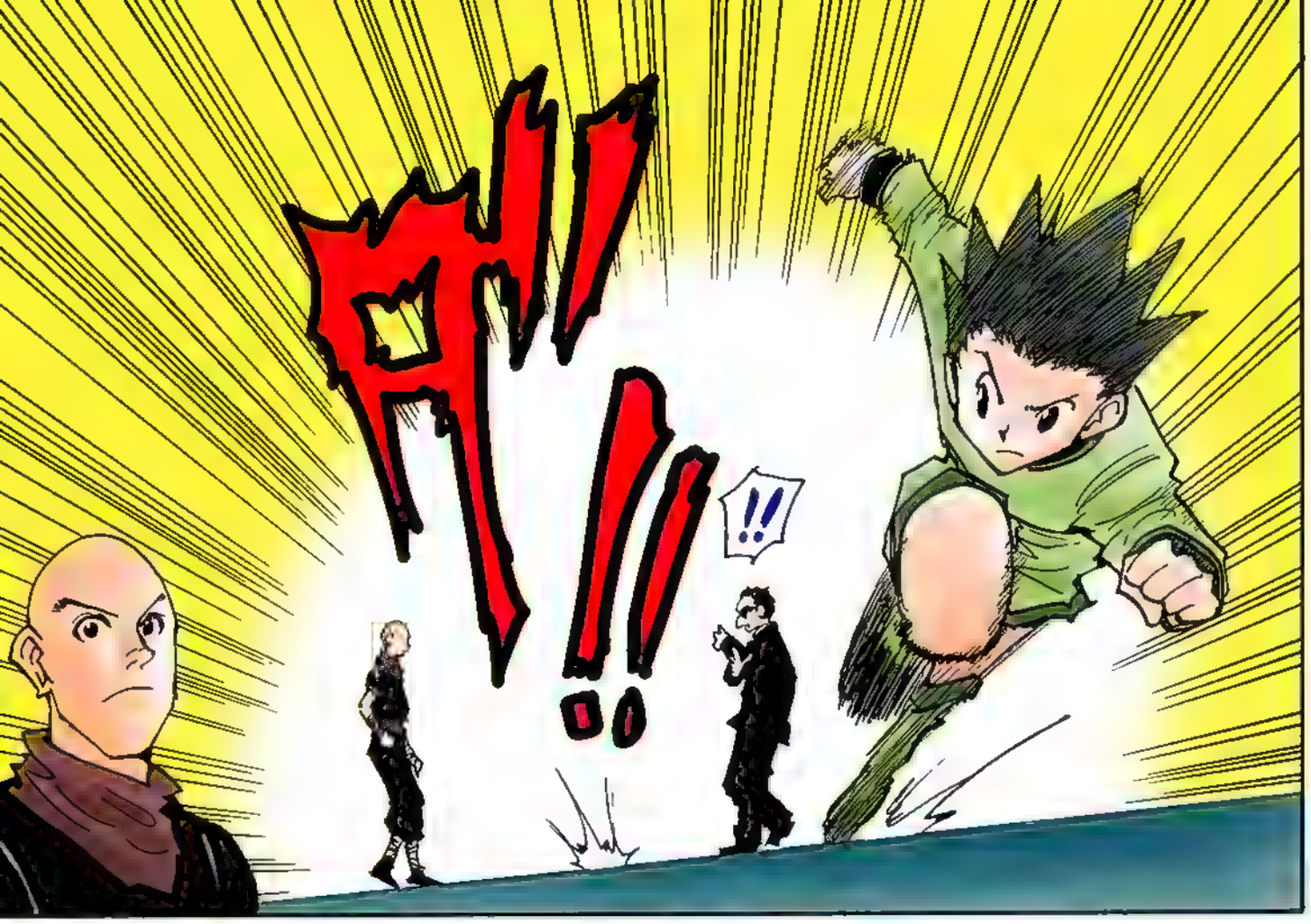
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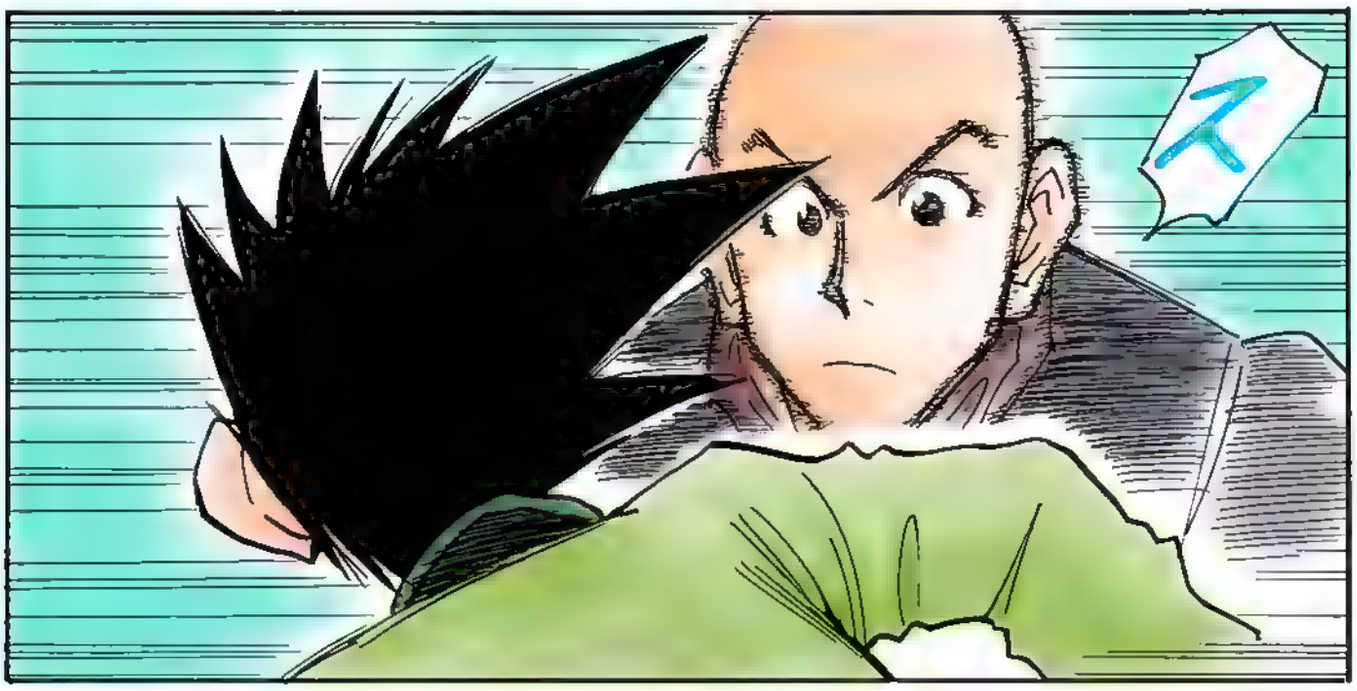
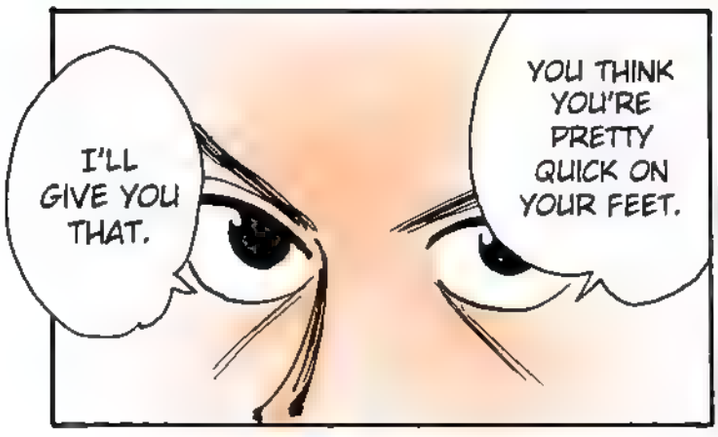
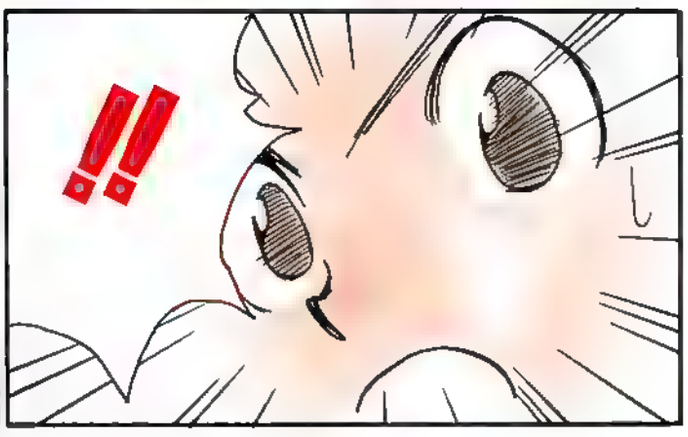



YOU THINK YOU'RE PRETTY QUICK ON YOUR FEET.
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.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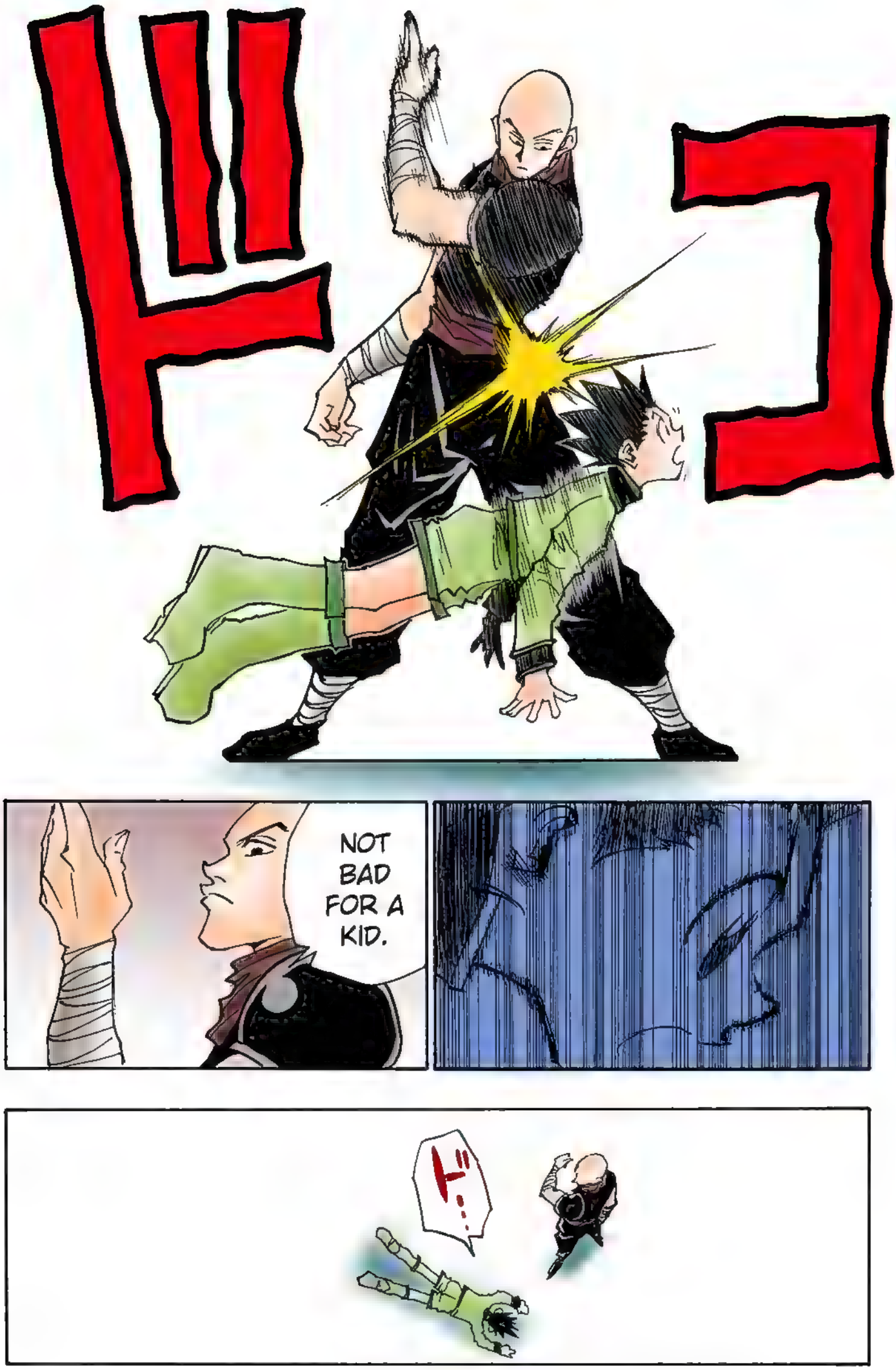
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NOT BAD FOR A KID.
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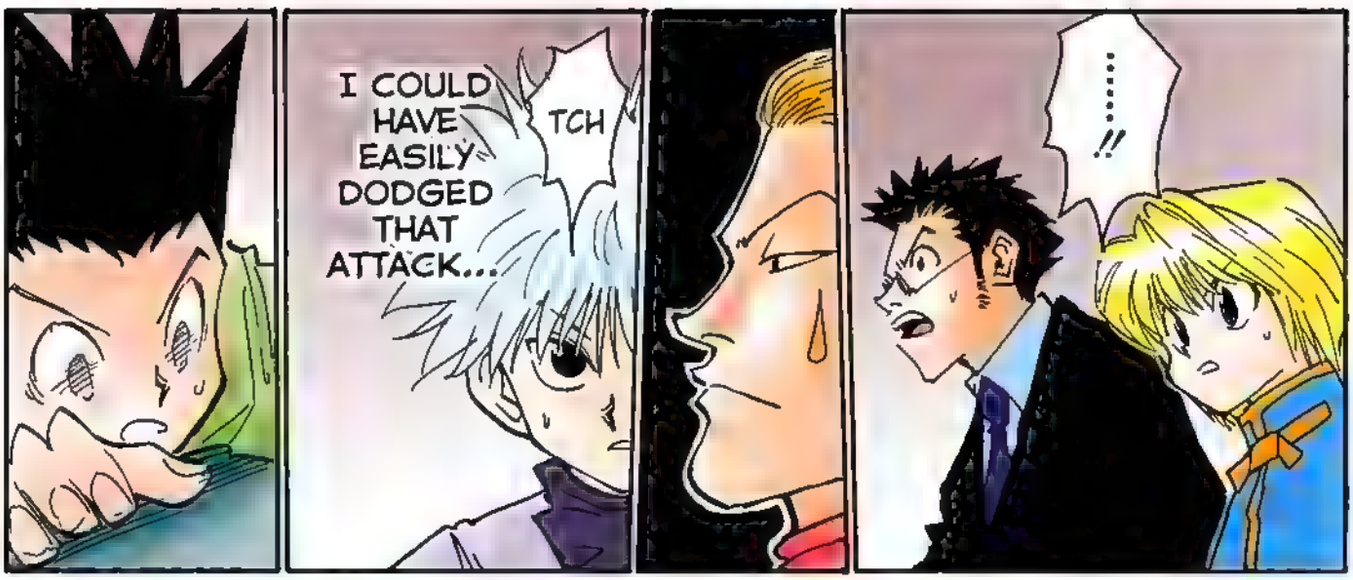
I COULD HAVE EASILY DODGED THAT ATTACK...
TCH
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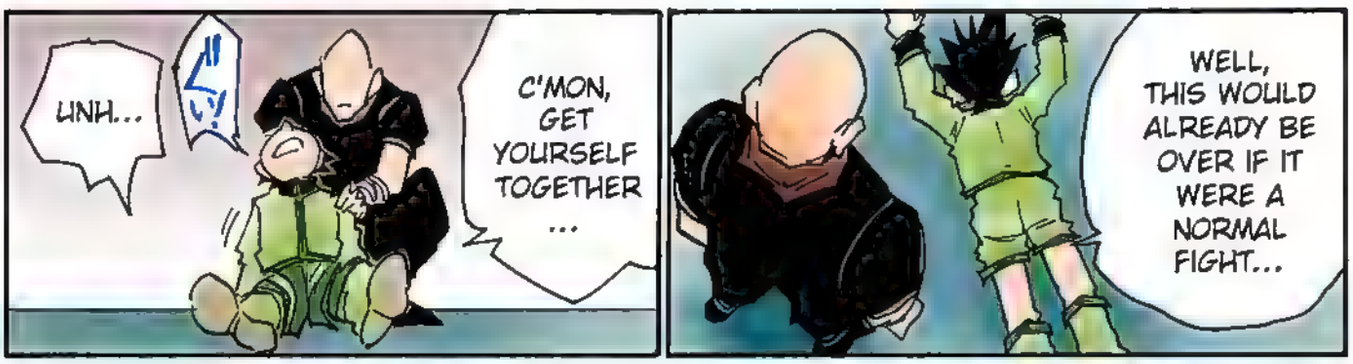
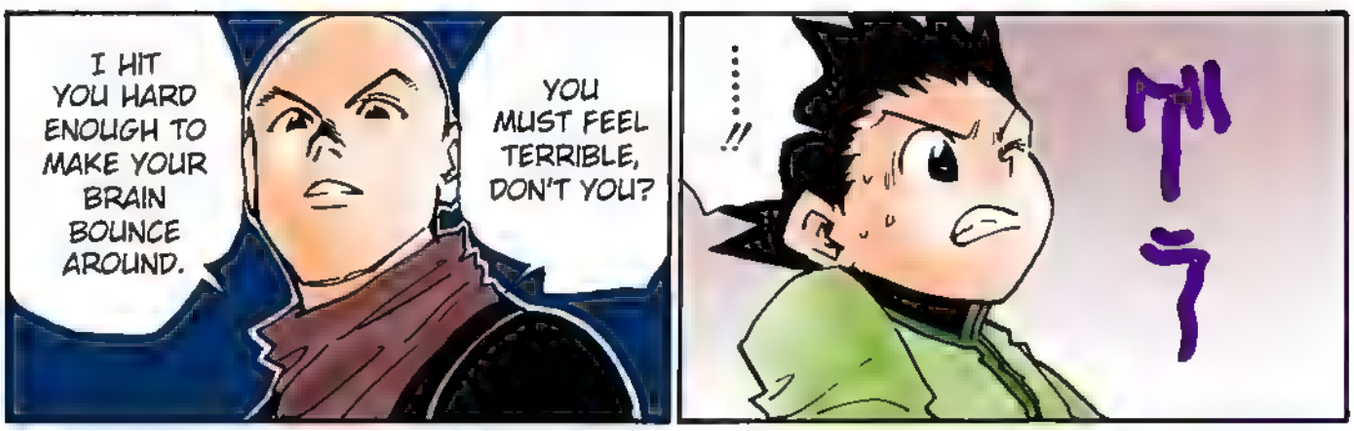

UNH...
C'MON, GET YOURSELF TOGETHER ...
WELL, THIS WOULD ALREADY BE OVER IF IT WERE A NORMAL FIGHT...


I HIT YOU HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR BRAIN BOUNCE AROUND.
YOU MUST FEEL TERRIBLE, DON'T YOU?
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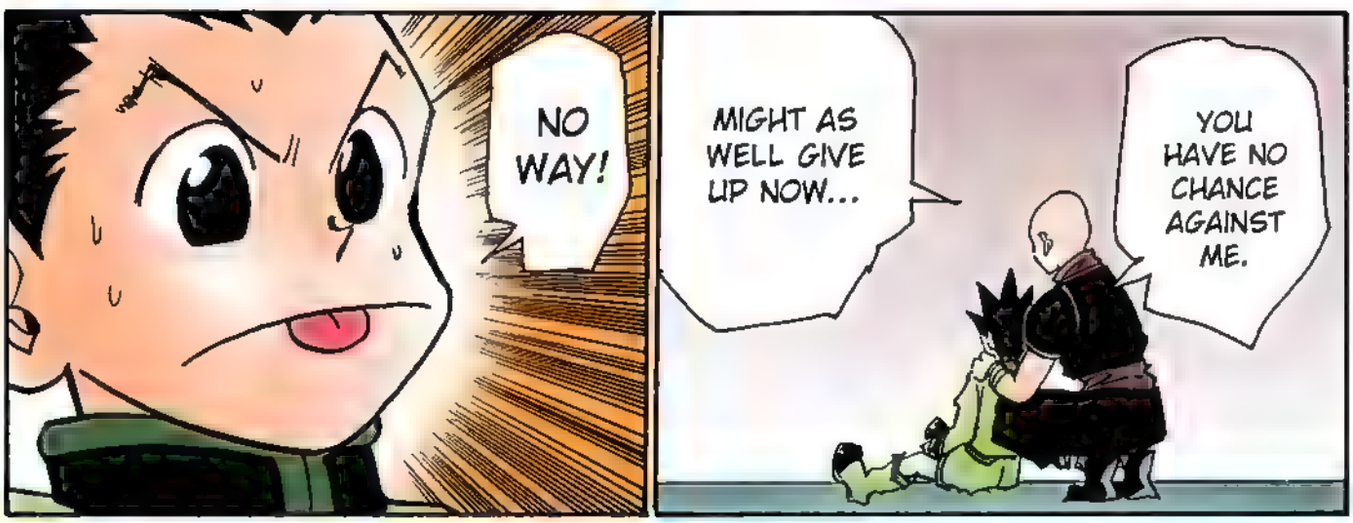
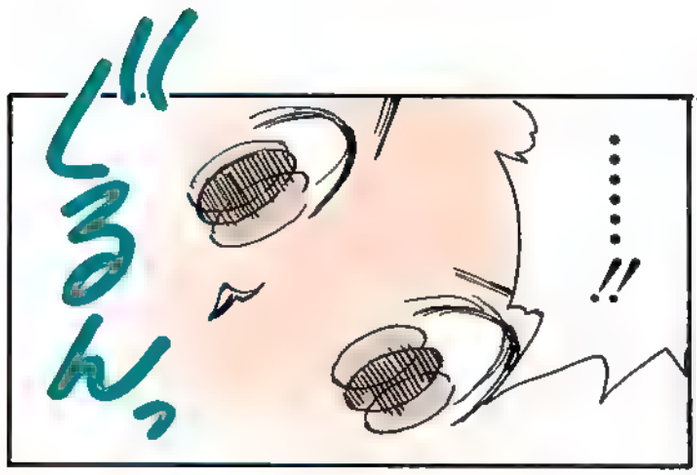

NO WAY!
MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP NOW...
YOU HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST ME.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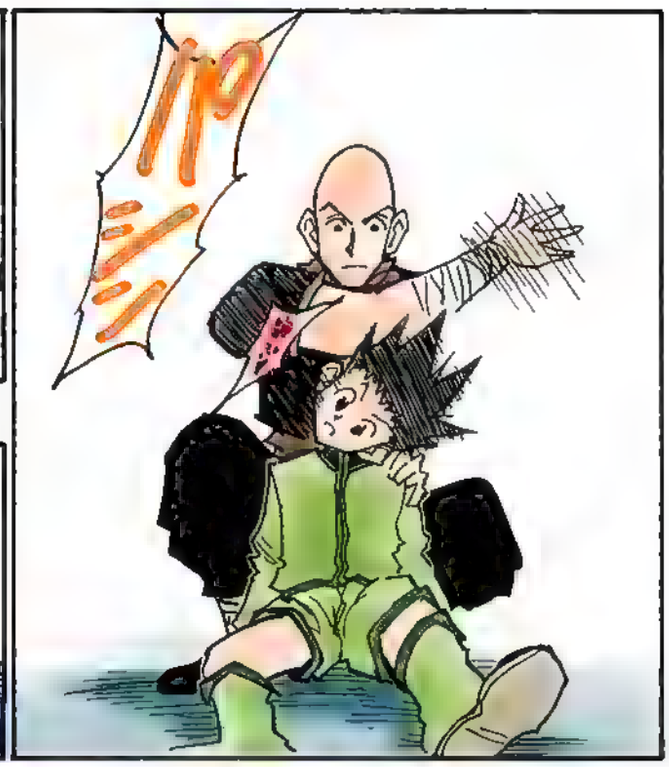
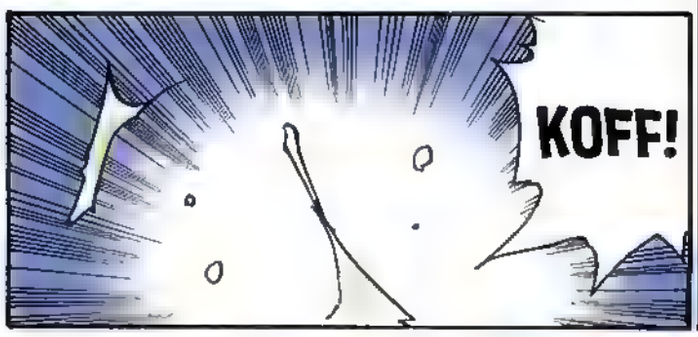
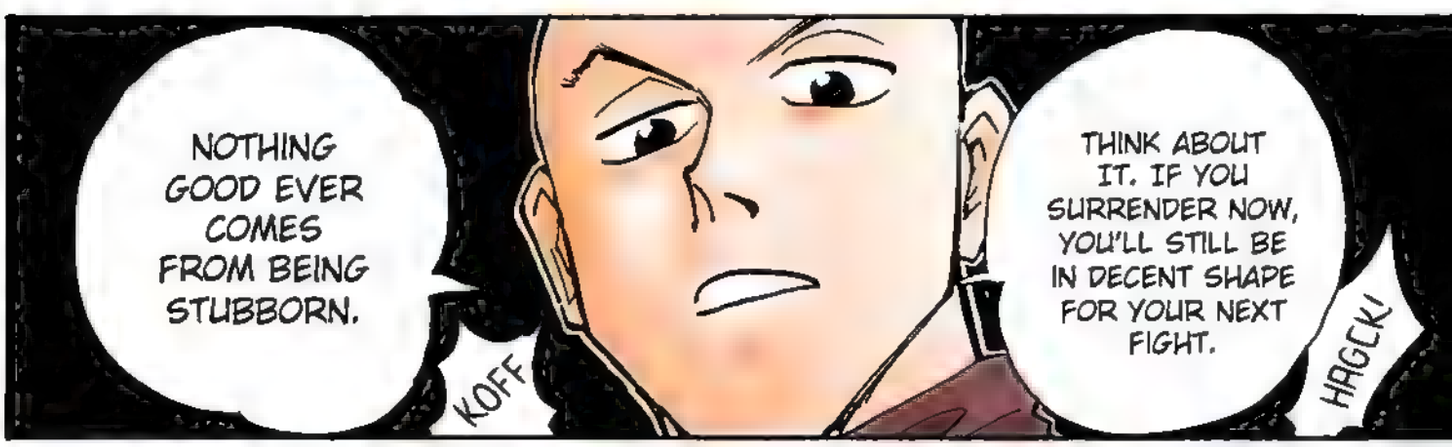
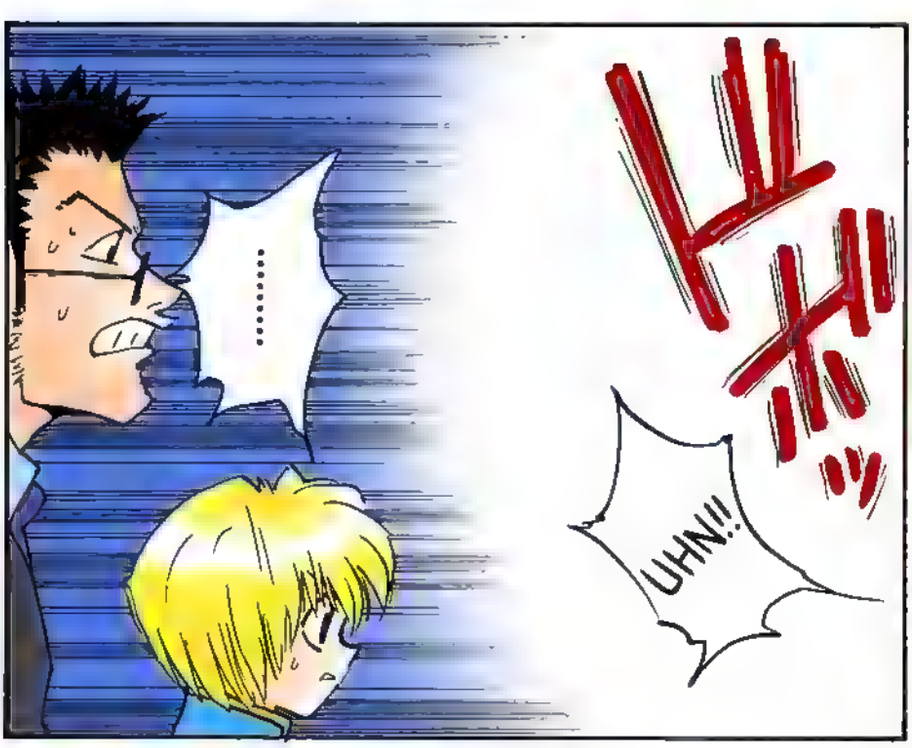



KOFF!


NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES FROM BEING STUBBORN.
KOFF
THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU SURRENDER NOW, YOU'LL STILL BE IN DECENT SHAPE FOR YOUR NEXT FIGHT.
HAGCK!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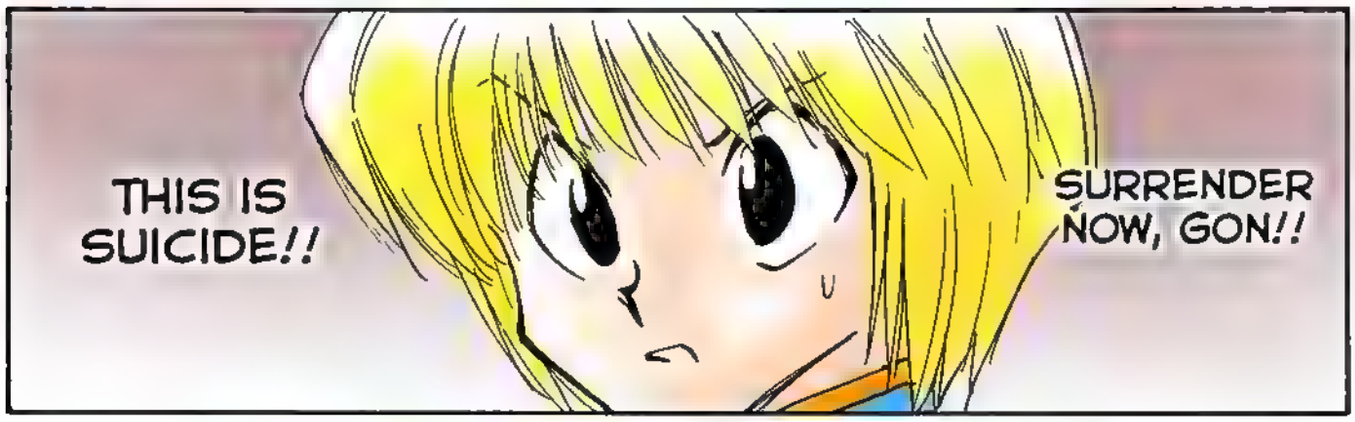
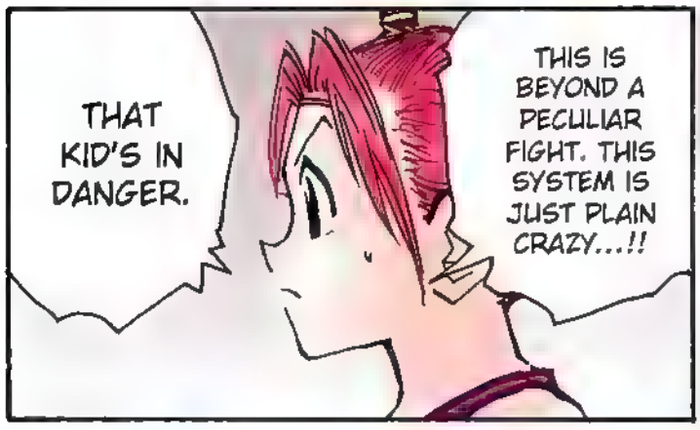
UHN!!

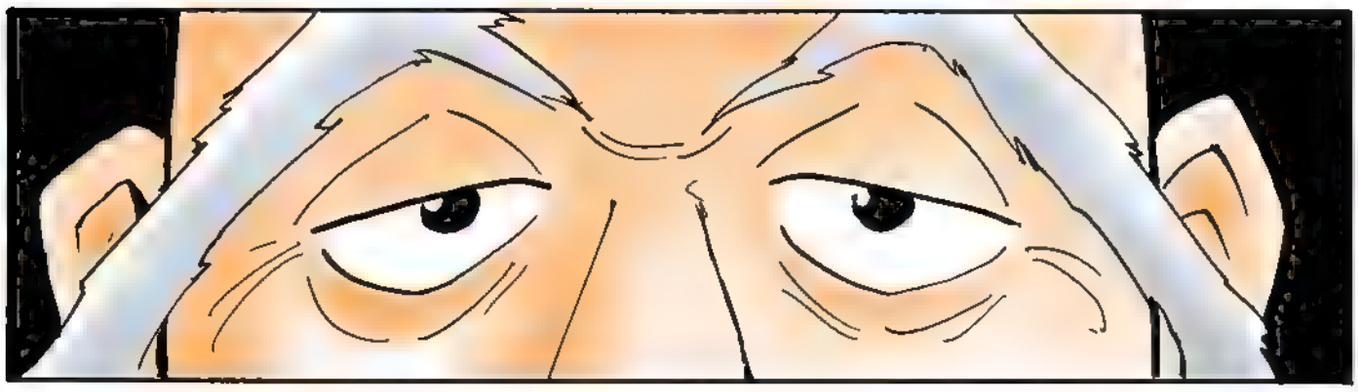
…
JUST SURRENDER.
NEVER GONNA HAPPEN !!

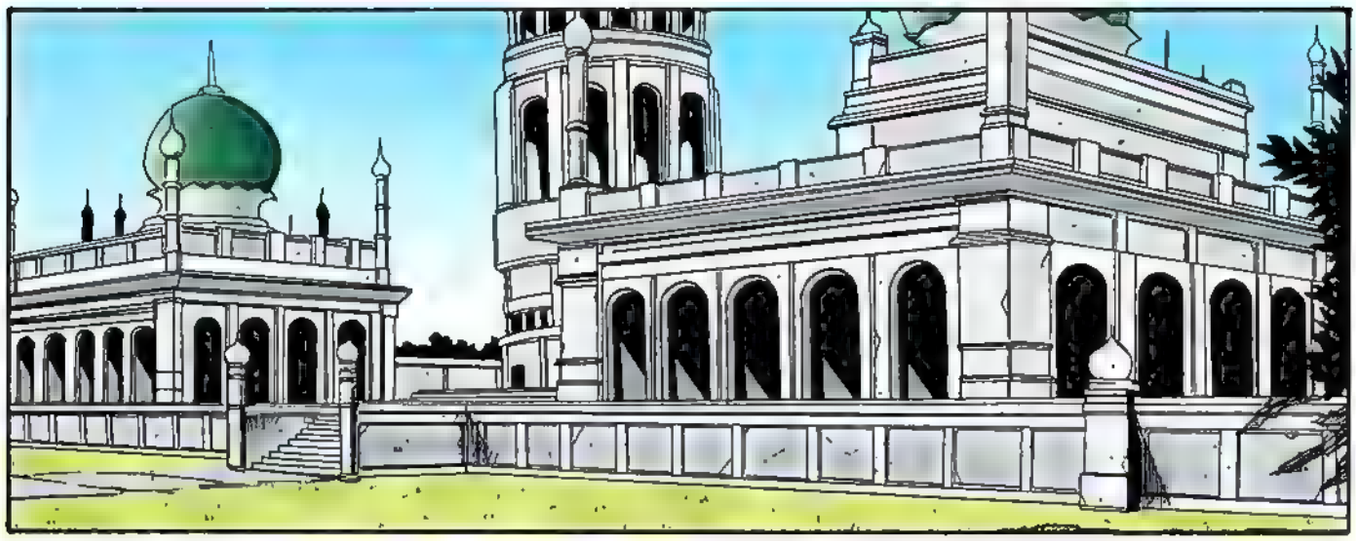
I KNOW, BUT HE HAS NO OTHER CHOICE!!
HELL NO, I'D RATHER DIE!! BUT I STILL HAVE TO TELL HIM THIS!
YOU'RE CONTRA-DICTING YOURSELF, BUT I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL...
IF YOU WERE IN GON'S POSITION, WOULD YOU "SURRENDER"?
LEORIO!
GON!! DON'T PUSH YOURSELF!! YOU STILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE, JUST-

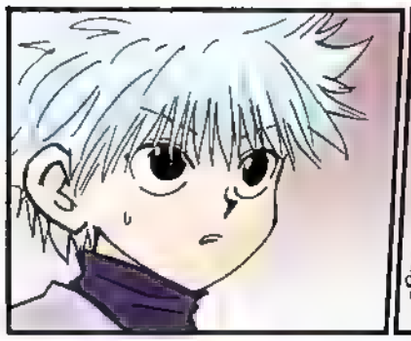

THIS IS SUICIDE!!
SURRENDER NOW, GON!!

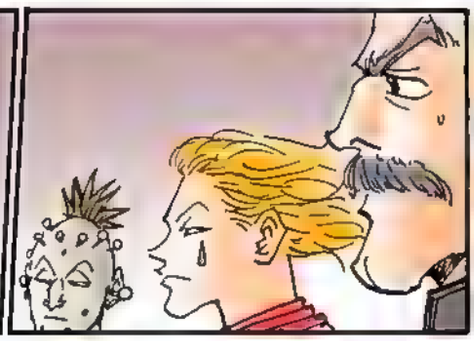

THAT KID'S IN DANGER.
THIS IS BEYOND A PECULIAR FIGHT. THIS SYSTEM IS JUST PLAIN CRAZY...!!

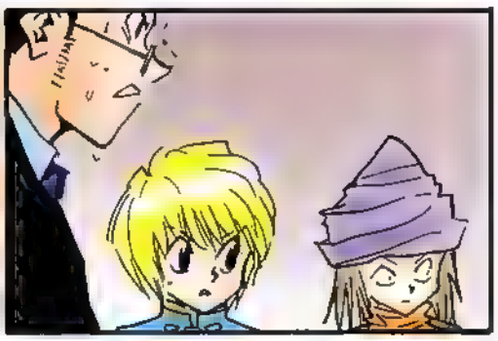
THE APPLICANTS WHO'VE MADE IT THIS FAR ARE UNLIKELY TO JUST "SURRENDER."
HONESTLY... THE CHAIRMAN'S MEAN STREAK IS IN A CLASS ALL BY ITSELF!!

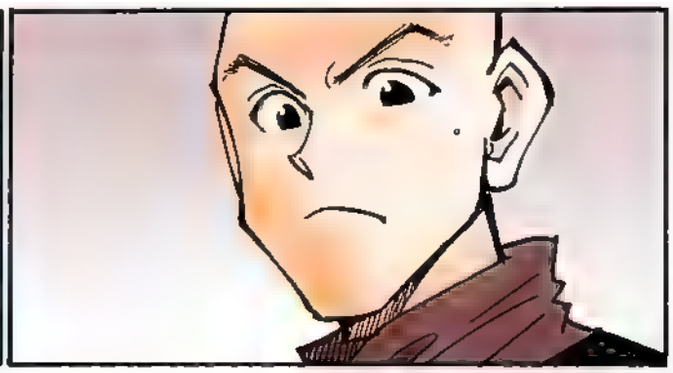


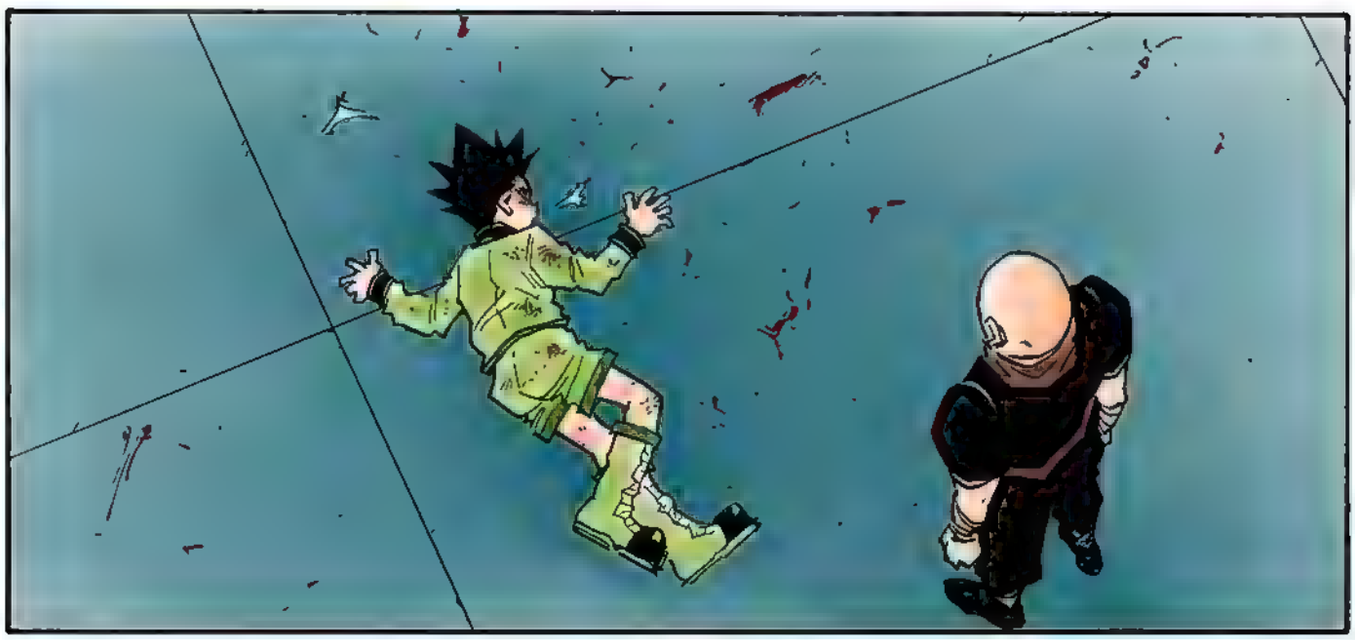


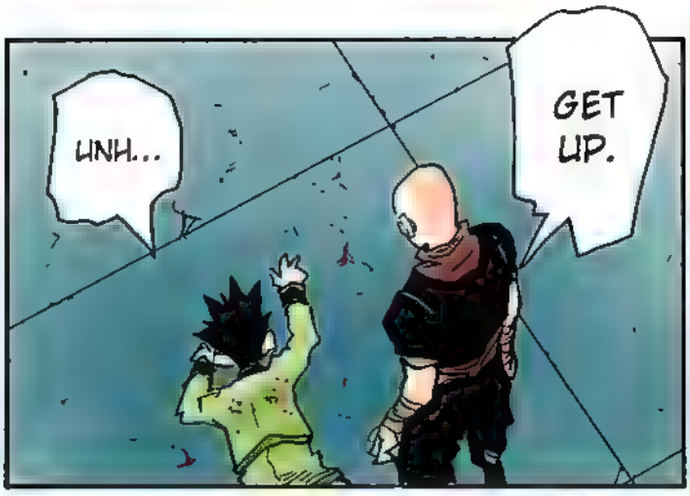








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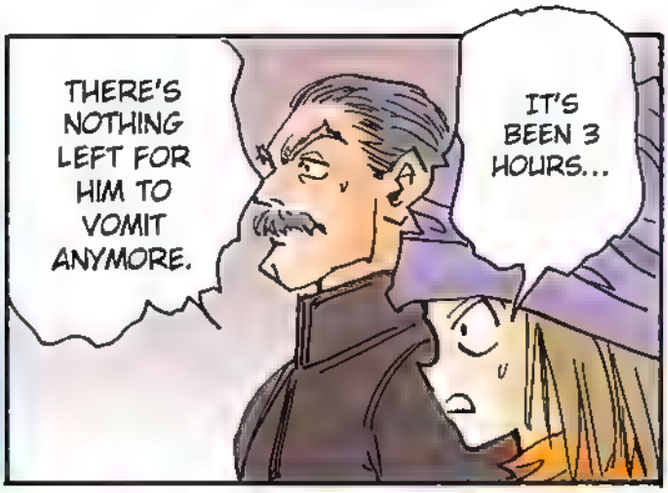
GET UP.


THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR HIM TO VOMIT ANYMORE.
IT'S BEEN 3 HOURS...

I'LL FIGHT YOU IN HIS PLACE!!
ENOUGH ALREADY! I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!

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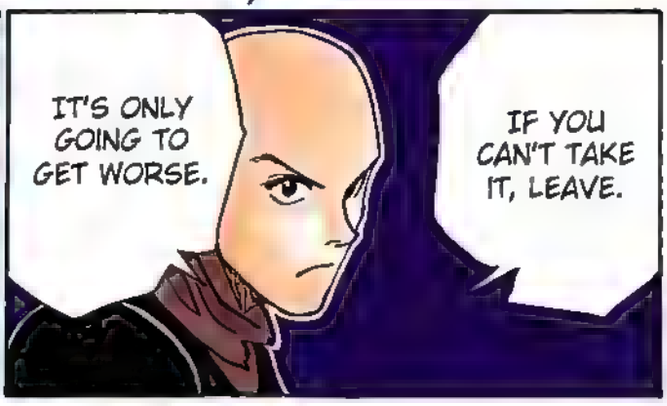
IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE.
IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT, LEAVE.

IF YOU STEP IN, GON WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY!
THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE IN THIS ONE-ON-ONE MATCH.

I... CAN STILL FIGHT...
THIS IS... NOTHING.

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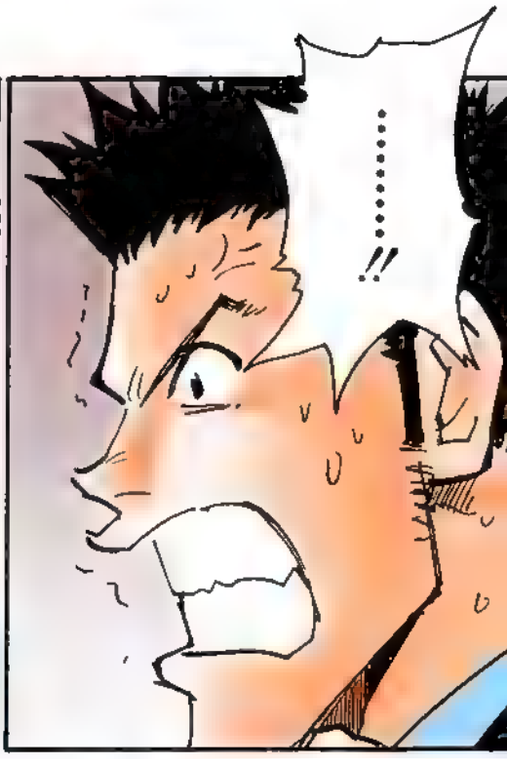
IT'S OKAY, LEORIO...
GHH...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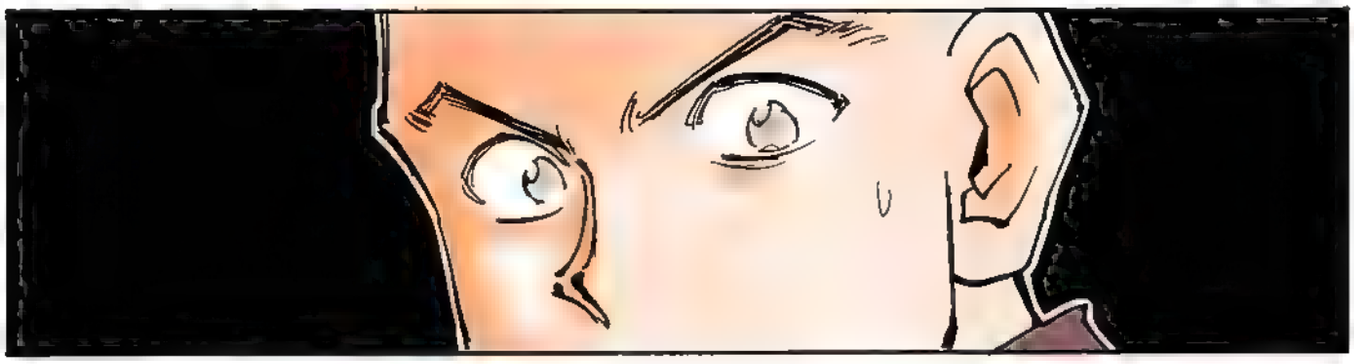

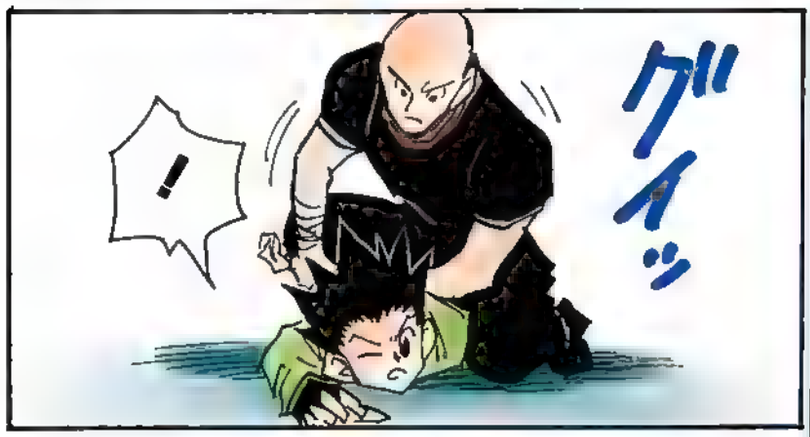
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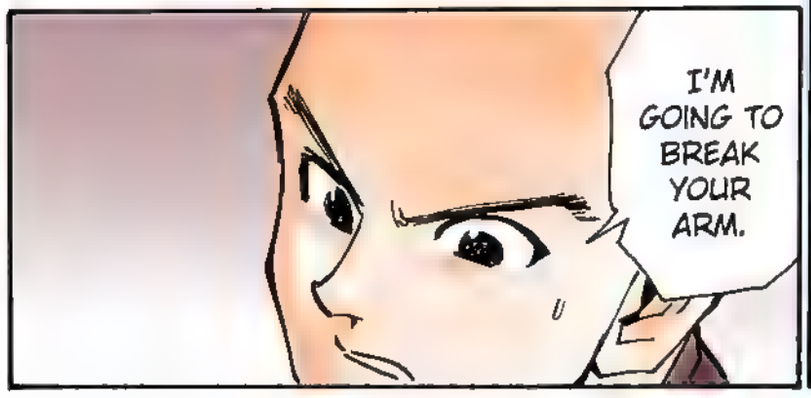
I'M GOING TO BREAK YOUR ARM.

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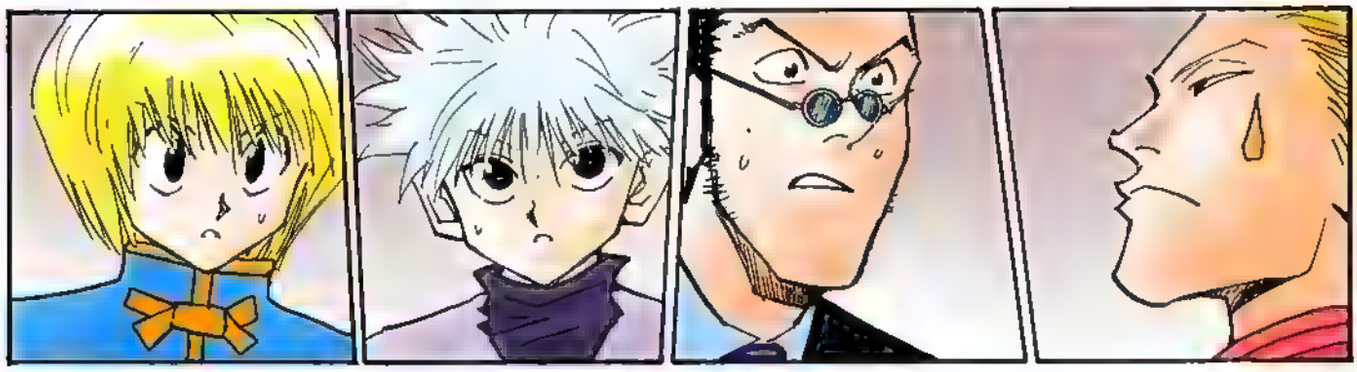

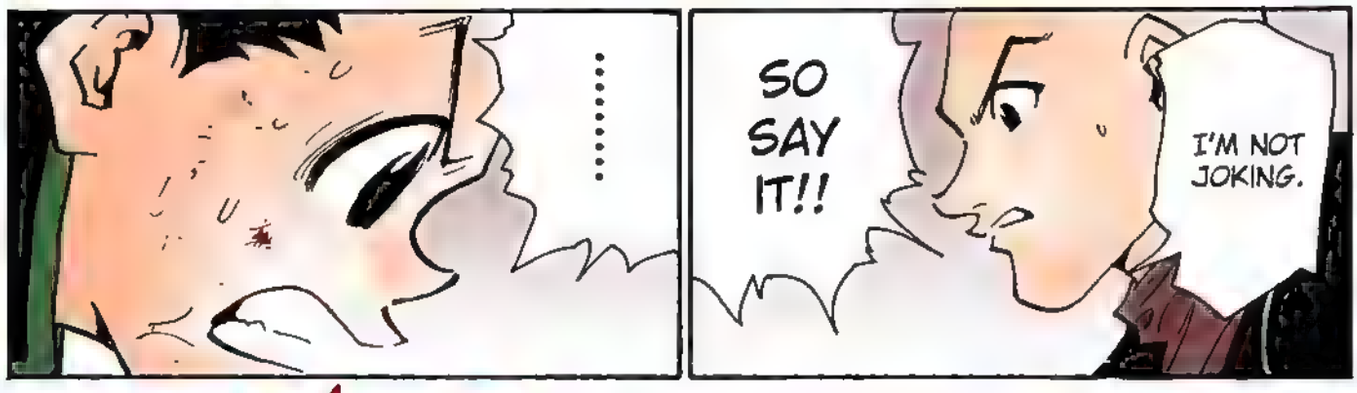
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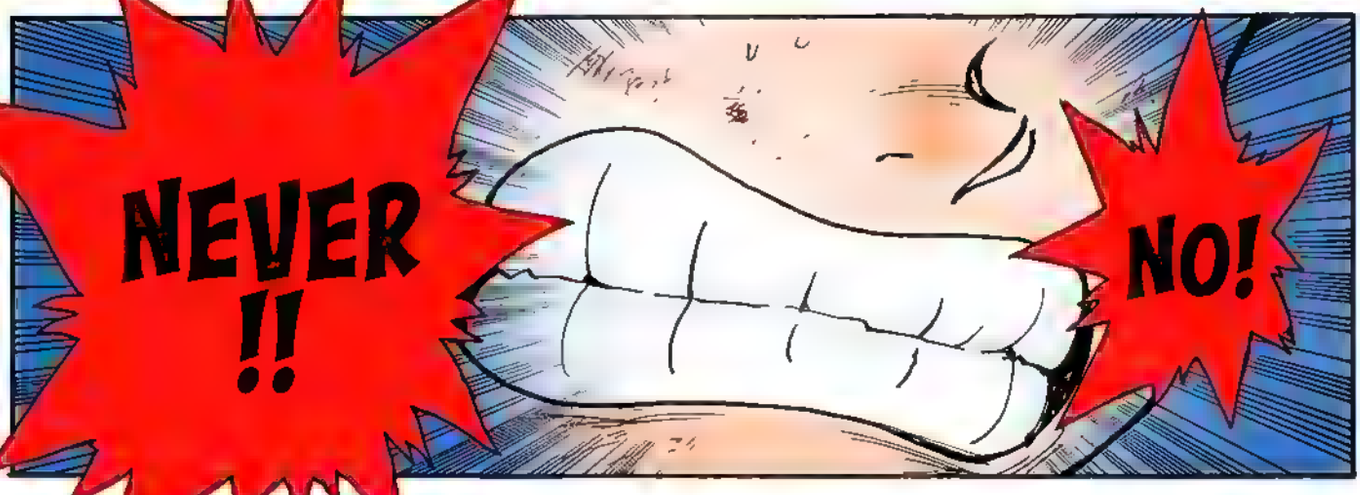
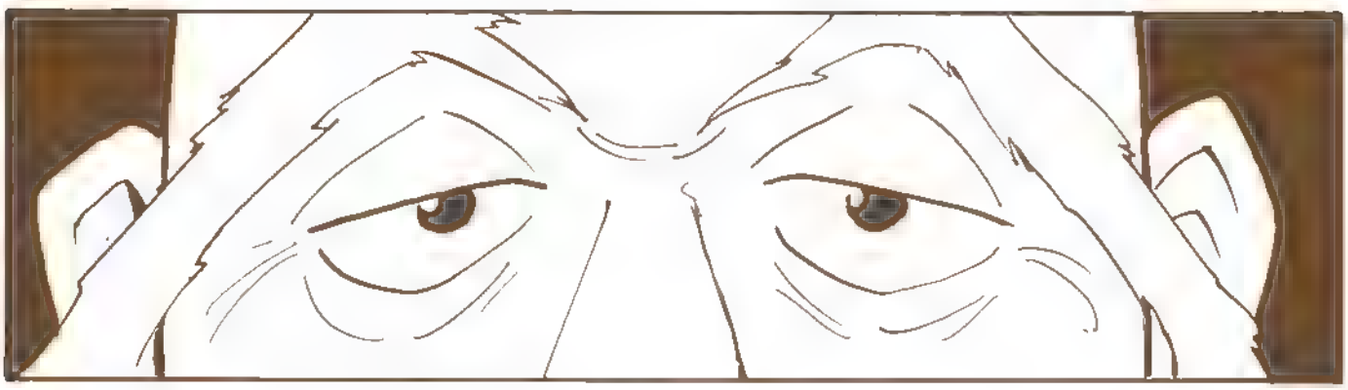
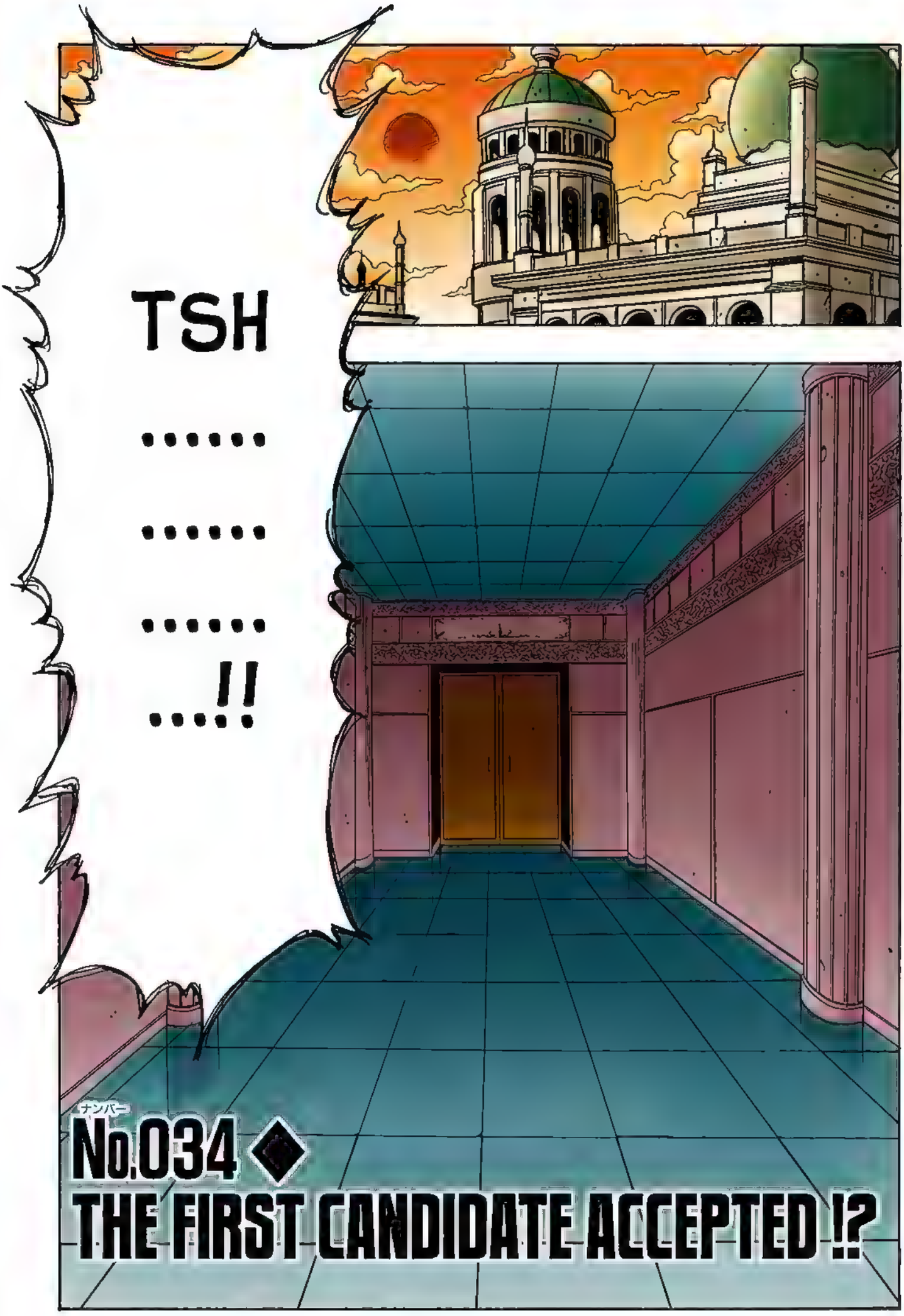
SO SAY IT!!
I'M NOT JOKING.


NEVER !!
NO!

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THE FIRST CANDIDATE ACCEPTED !?

HE REALLY BROKE IT.
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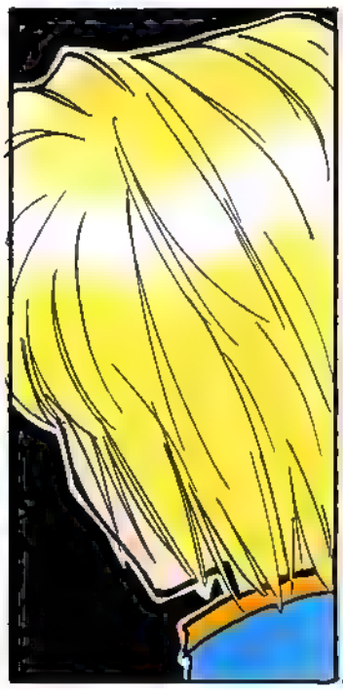
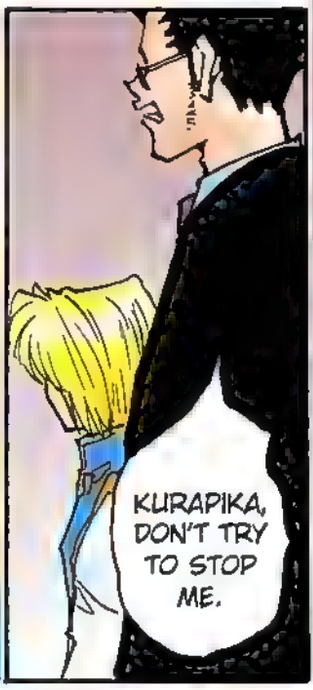
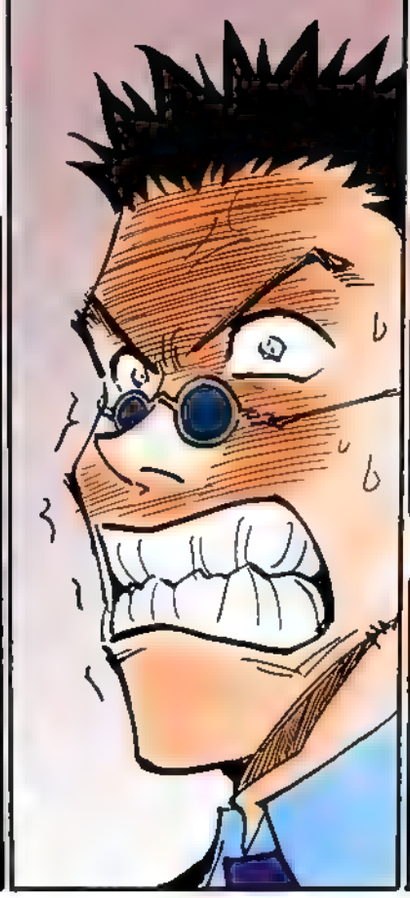
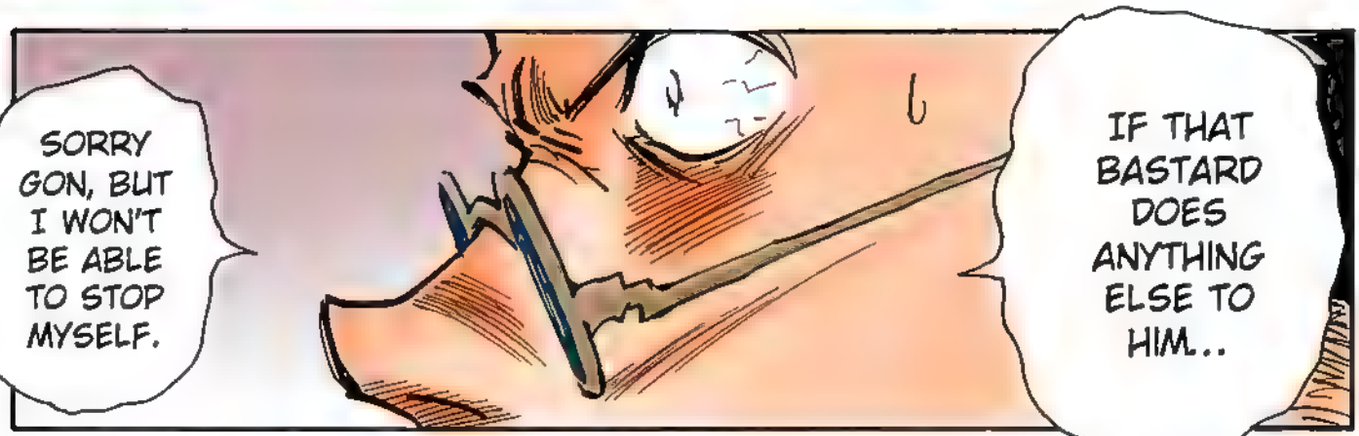
THERE.
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR LEFT ARM ANYMORE.

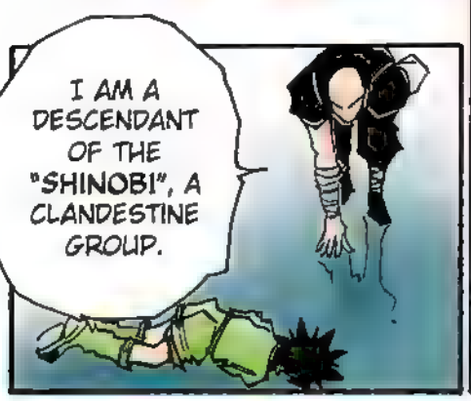


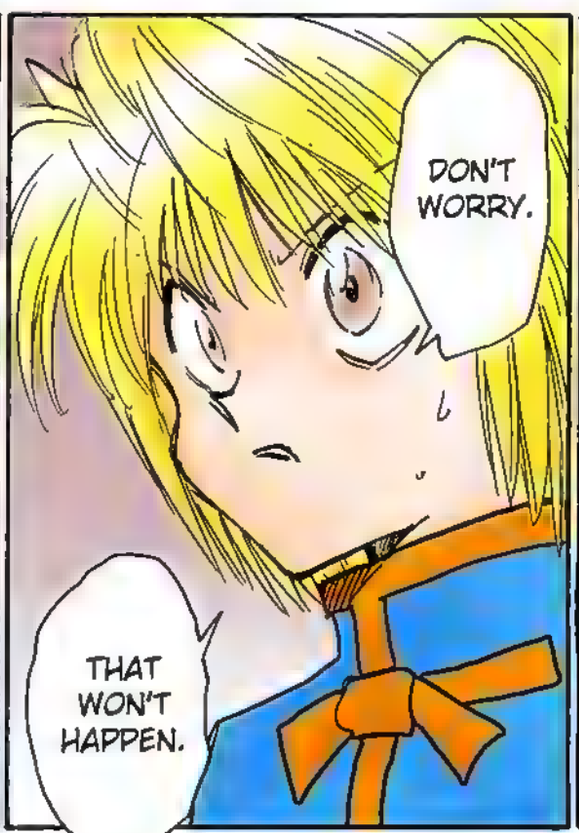

KURAPIKA, DON'T TRY TO STOP ME.



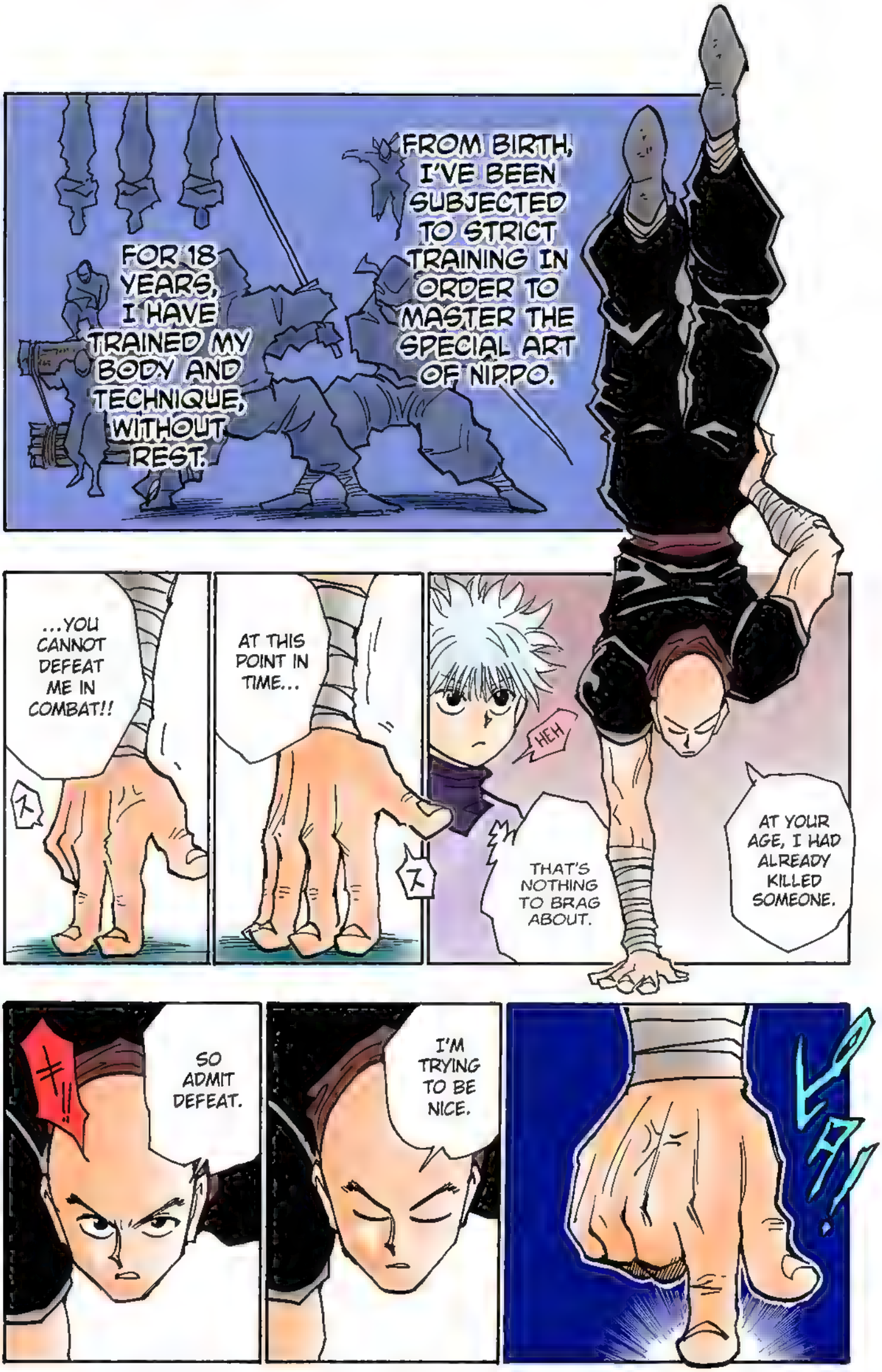

SORRY GON, BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP MYSELF.
IF THAT BASTARD DOES ANYTHING ELSE TO HIM...

I'M SURE YOU'RE IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO LISTEN, BUT HEAR THIS...


I AM A DESCENDANT OF THE "SHINOBI", A CLANDESTINE GROUP.


DON'T WORRY.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN.

ME?
STOP YOU?


FROM BIRTH, I'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO STRICT TRAINING IN ORDER TO MASTER THE SPECIAL ART OF NIPPO.
FOR 18 YEARS, I HAVE TRAINED MY BODY AND TECHNIQUE, WITHOUT REST.
...YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME IN COMBAT!!
AT THIS POINT IN TIME...
HEH
THAT'S NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT.
AT YOUR AGE, I HAD ALREADY KILLED SOMEONE.
SO ADMIT DEFEAT.
I'M TRYING TO BE NICE.
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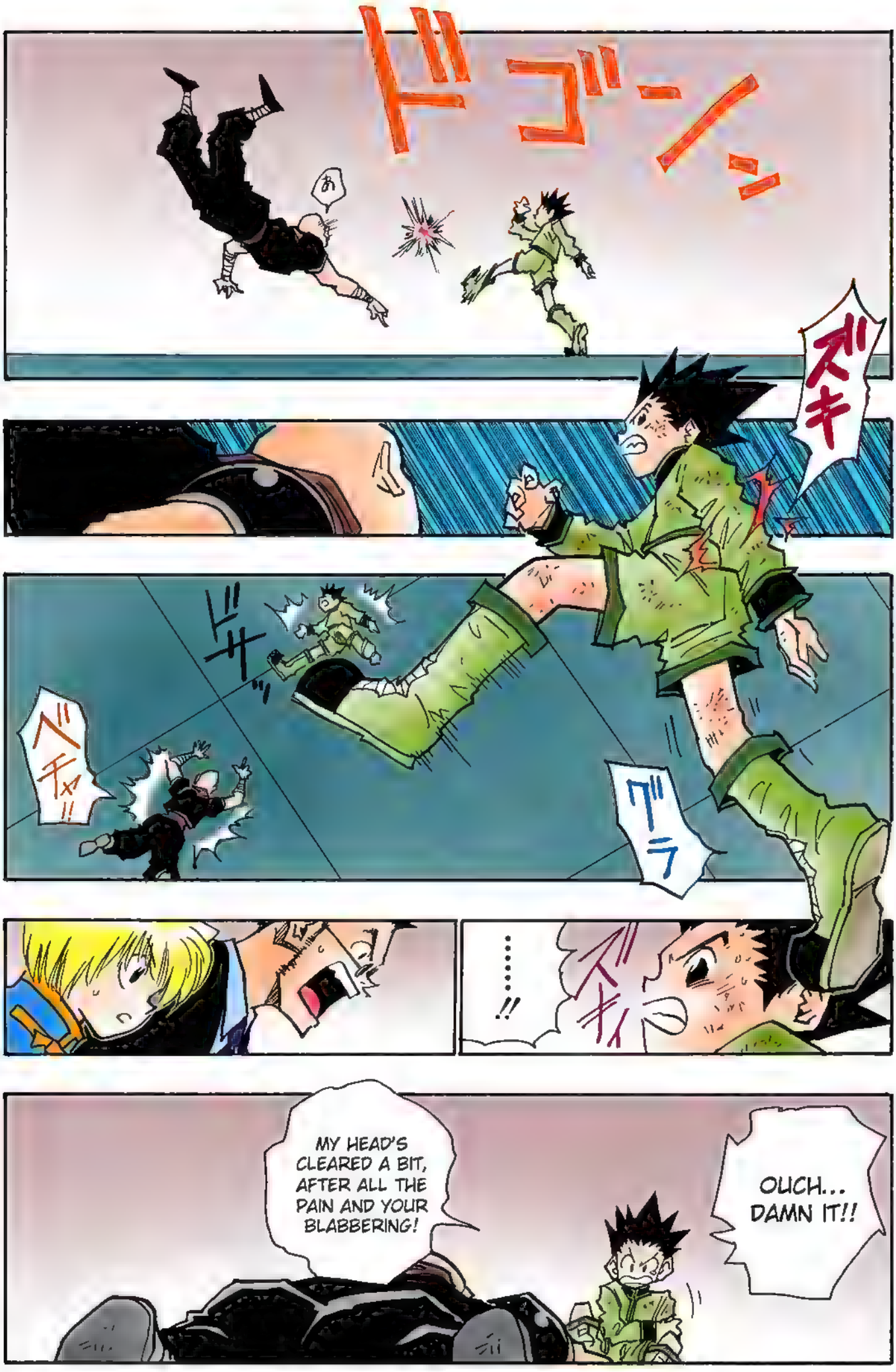
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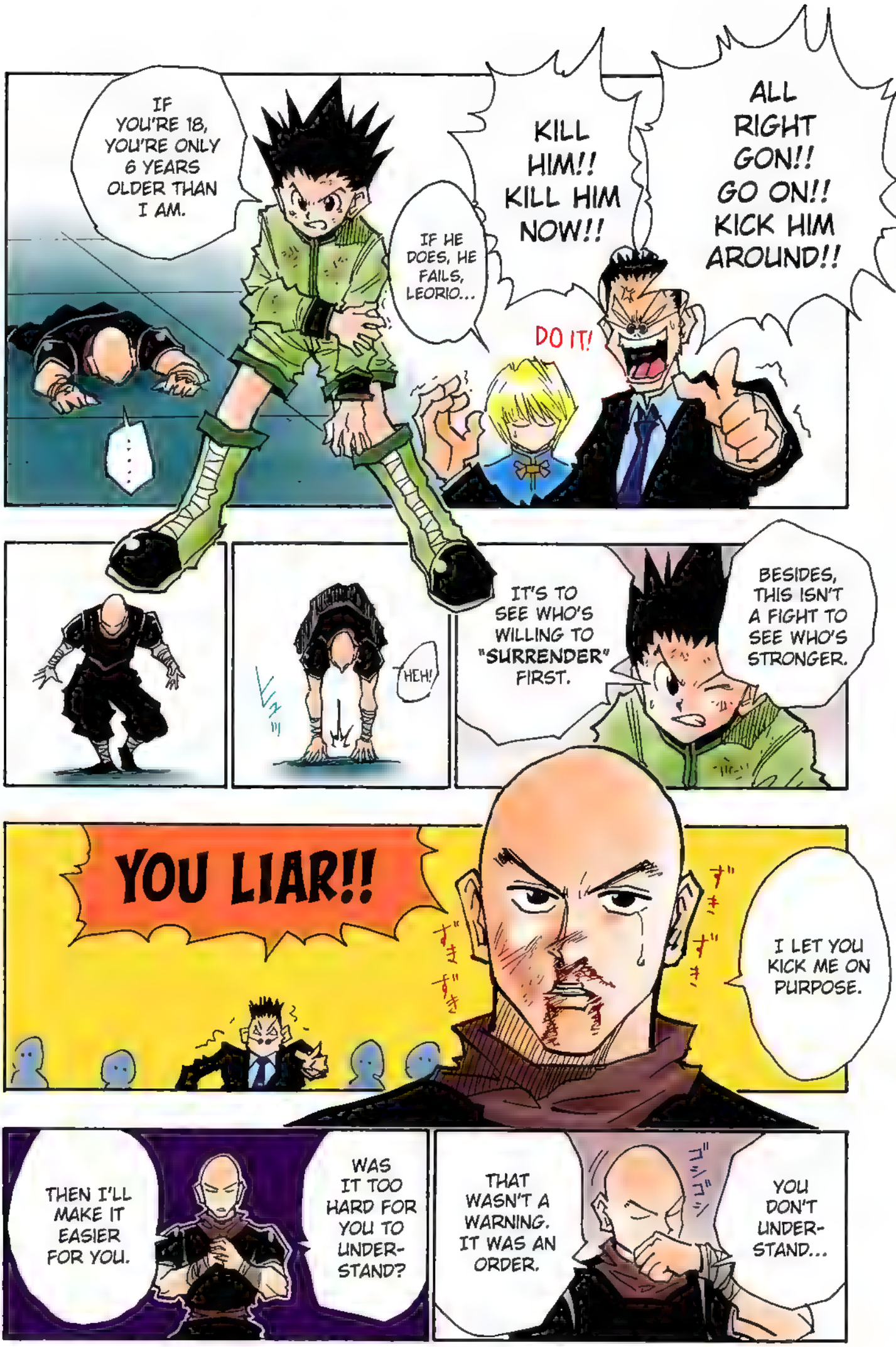
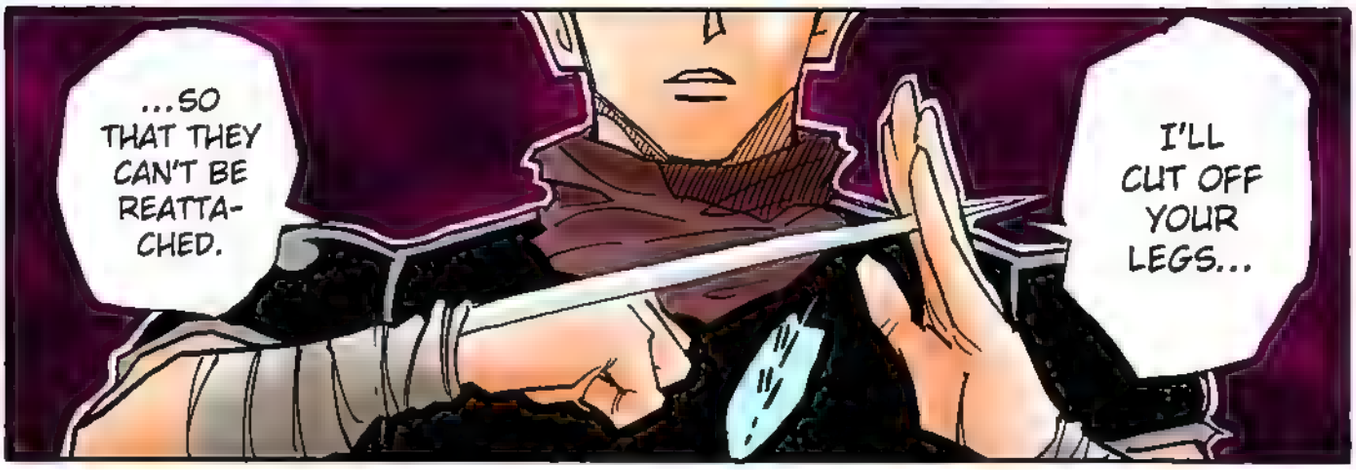
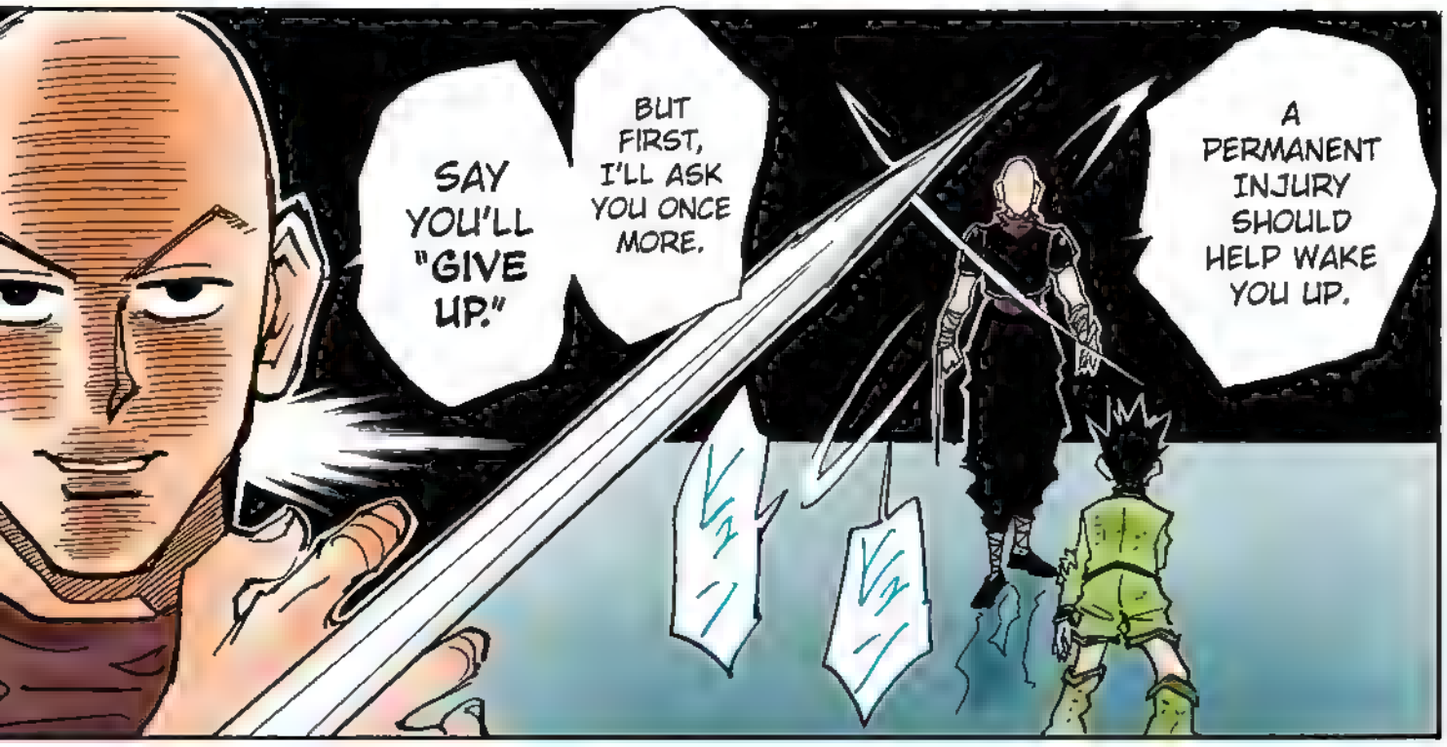
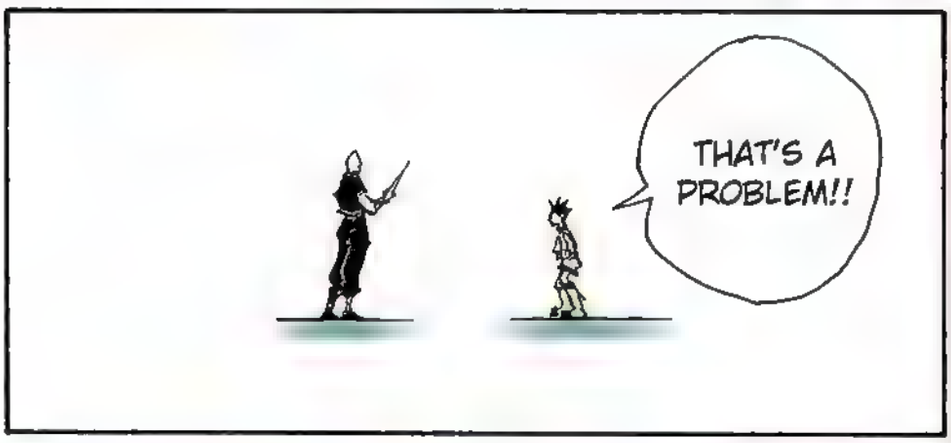
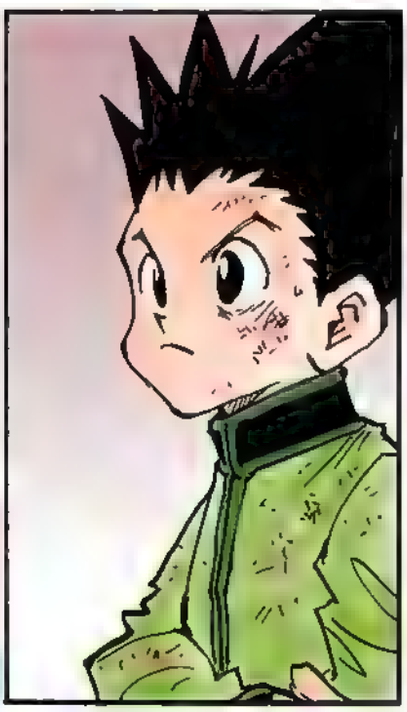
MY HEAD'S CLEARED A BIT, AFTER ALL THE PAIN AND YOUR BLABBERING!
OUCH... DAMN IT!!

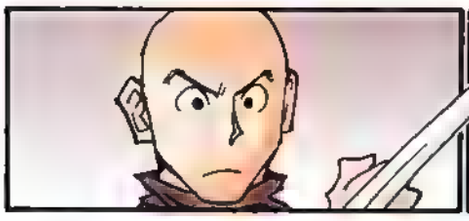

IF YOU'RE 18, YOU'RE ONLY 6 YEARS OLDER THAN I AM.
IF HE DOES, HE FAILS, LEORIO...
KILL HIM!! KILL HIM NOW!!
ALL RIGHT GON!! GO ON!! KICK HIM AROUND!!
DO IT!
HEH!
IT'S TO SEE WHO'S WILLING TO "SURRENDER" FIRST.
BESIDES, THIS ISN'T A FIGHT TO SEE WHO'S STRONGER.
YOU LIAR!!
I LET YOU KICK ME ON PURPOSE.
THEN I'LL MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU.
WAS IT TOO HARD FOR YOU TO UNDER-STAND?
THAT WASN'T A WARNING. IT WAS AN ORDER.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...

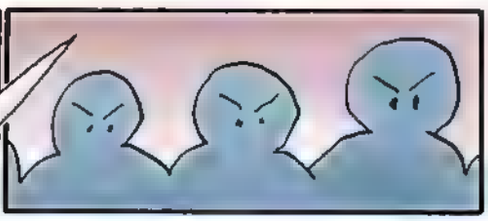

...SO THAT THEY CAN'T BE REATTA-CHED.
I'LL CUT OFF YOUR LEGS...

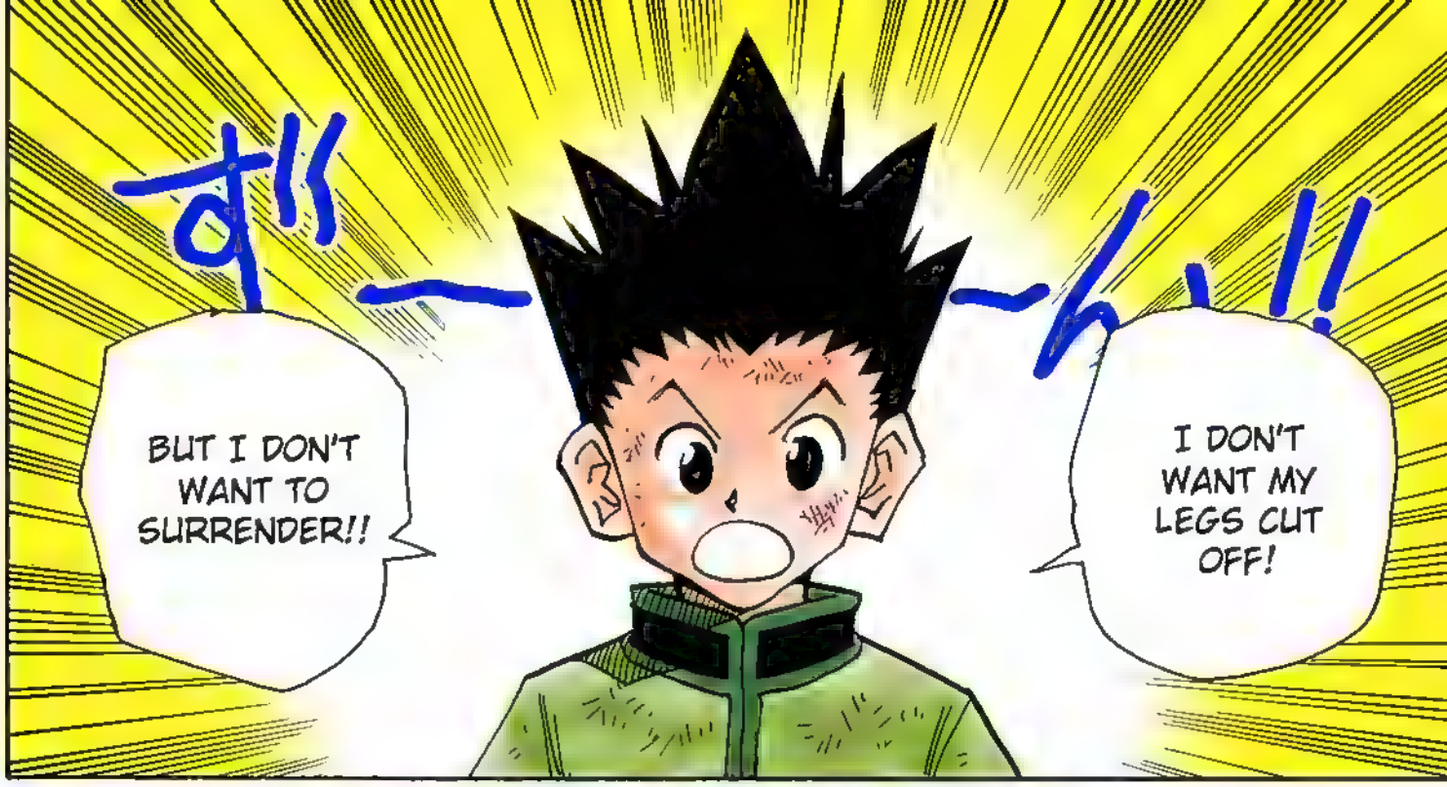

SAY YOU'LL "GIVE UP."
BUT FIRST, I'LL ASK YOU ONCE MORE.
A PERMANENT INJURY SHOULD HELP WAKE YOU UP.


THAT'S A PROBLEM!!





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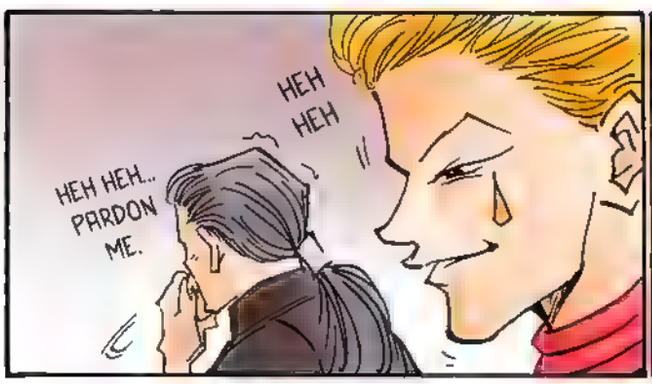
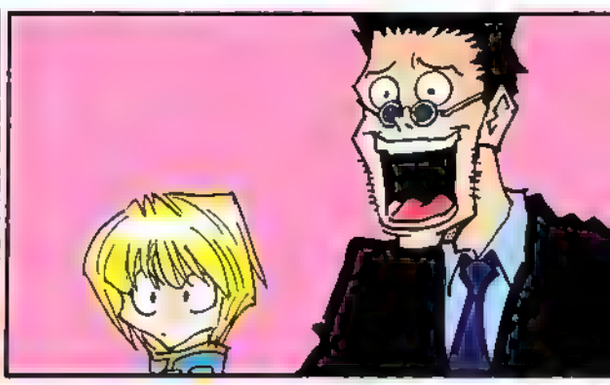
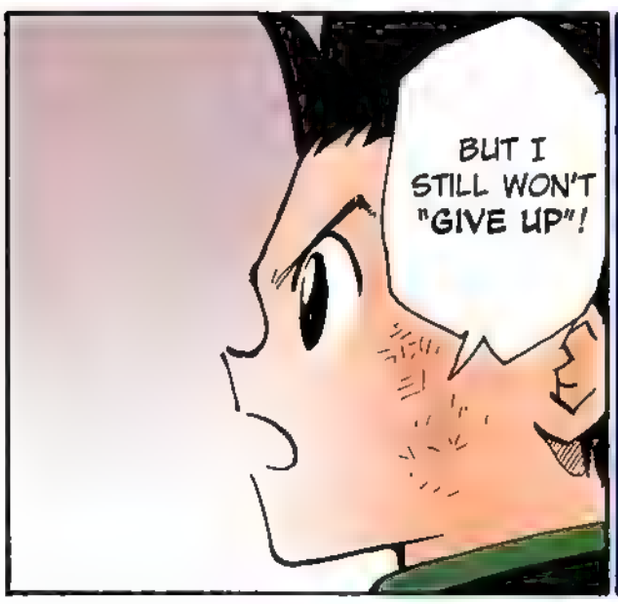
BUT I DON'T WANT TO SURRENDER!!
I DON'T WANT MY LEGS CUT OFF!

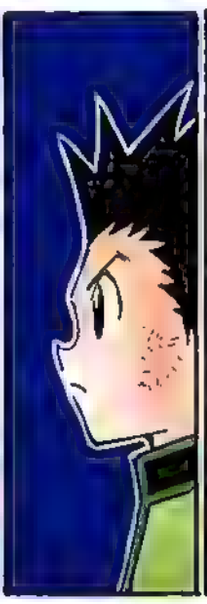
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN?!
HUH...
SO LET'S FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO FIGHT!


HEH HEH
HEH HEH.. PARDON ME.

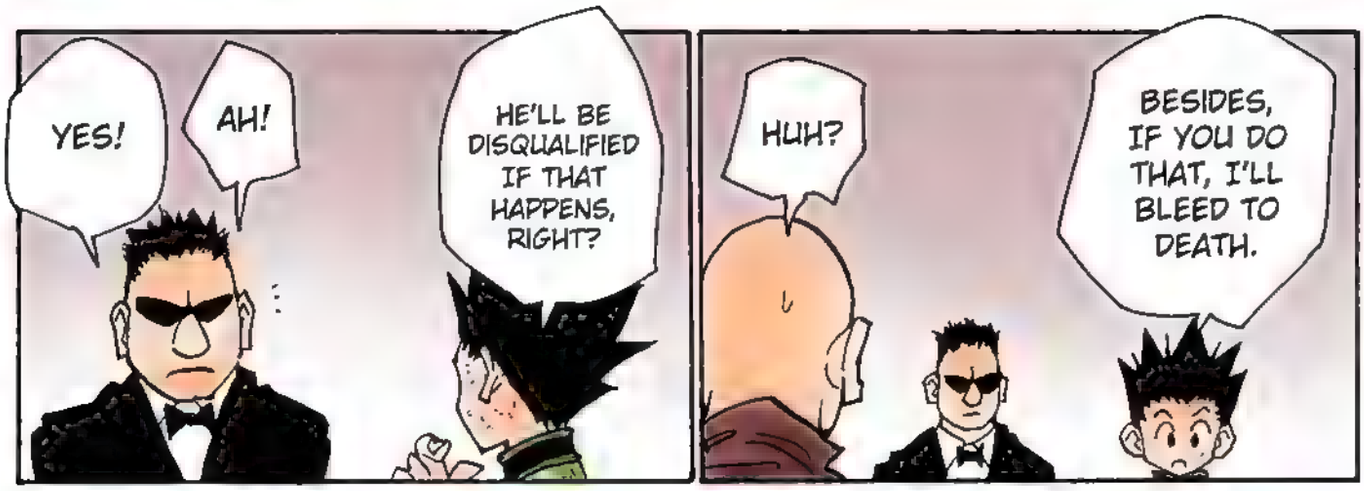
HEH ...




BUT I STILL WON'T "GIVE UP"!



I'M SERIOUSLY GONNA CUT OFF YOUR LEGS!!
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO MAKE DEMANDS!!


YES!
AH!
HE'LL BE DISQUALIFIED IF THAT HAPPENS, RIGHT?
HUH?
BESIDES, IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL BLEED TO DEATH.

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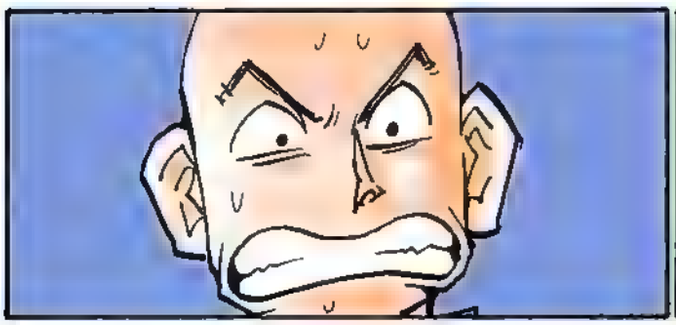
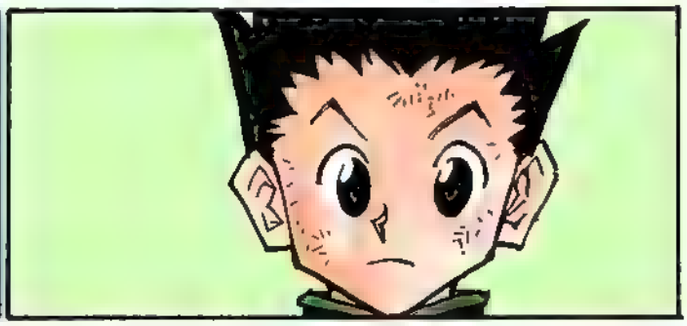
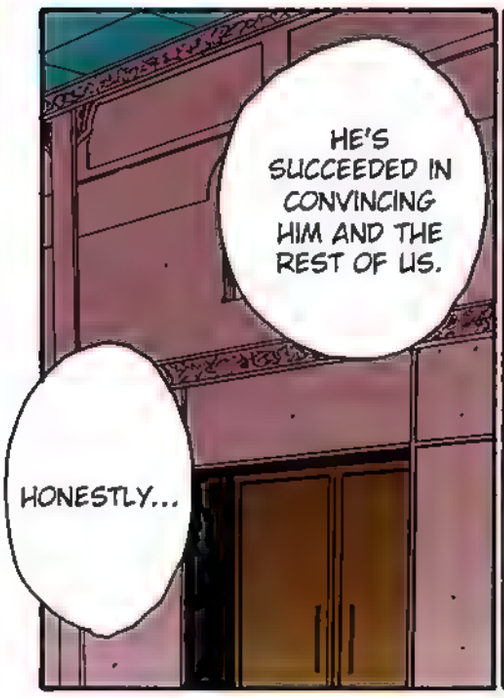
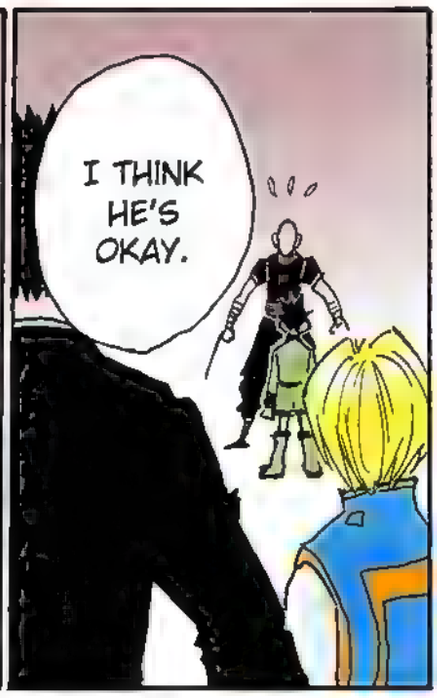
SO LET'S THINK OF A BETTER WAY.
IT'LL BE A PROBLEM FOR THE BOTH OF US.
SEE?



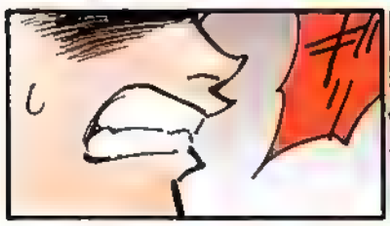


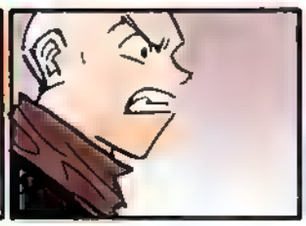

HE'S SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING HIM AND THE REST OF US.
HONESTLY...

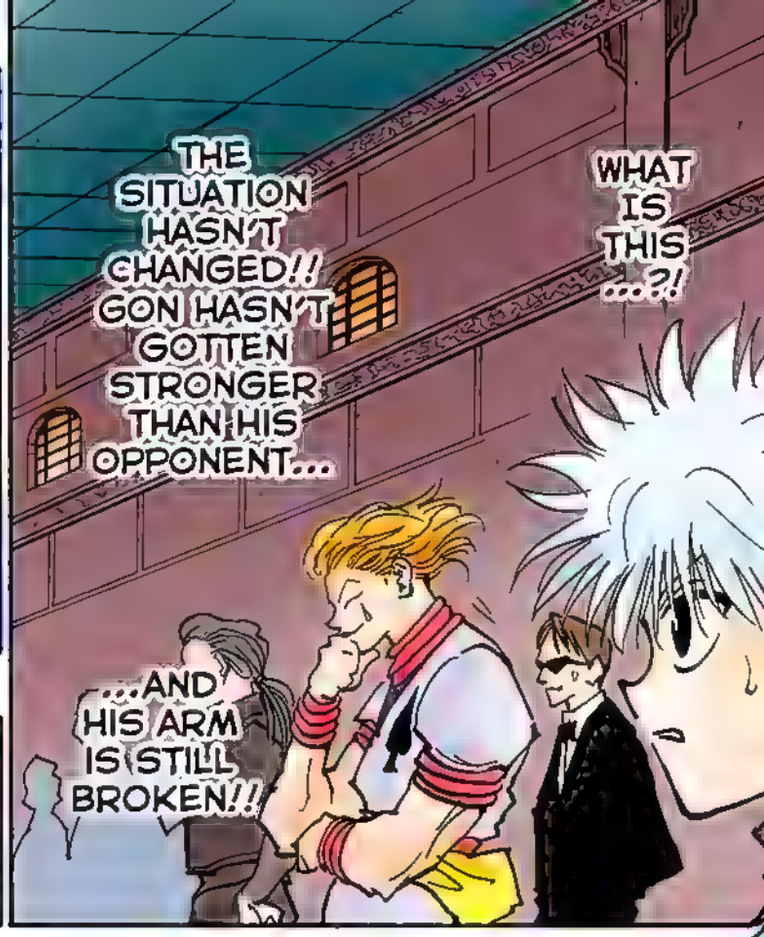
GON'S TAKEN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.
SO IS HANZO.
STUBBORN...
HE'S SO...


I THINK HE'S OKAY.

...SUDDENLY GET SO MUCH LIGHTER?!
SO WHY DID THE BRUTAL ATMOSPHERE FROM BEFORE...






THE SITUATION HASN'T CHANGED!! GON HASN'T GOTTEN STRONGER THAN HIS OPPONENT...
WHAT IS THIS ...?!
...AND HIS ARM IS STILL BROKEN!!

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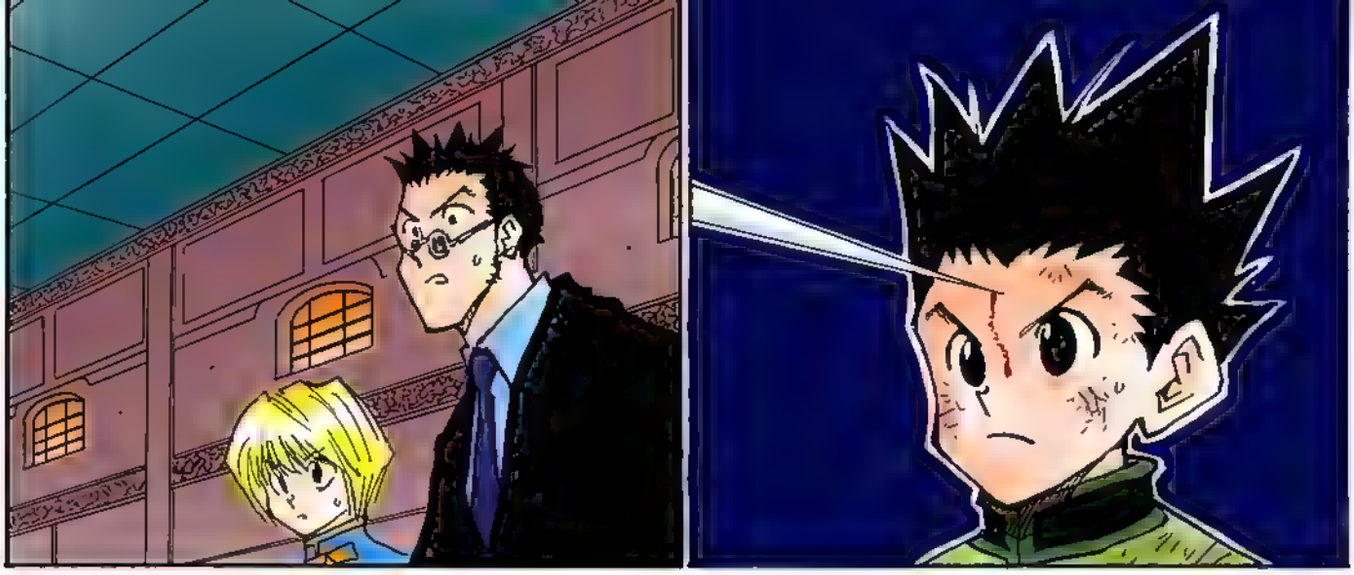
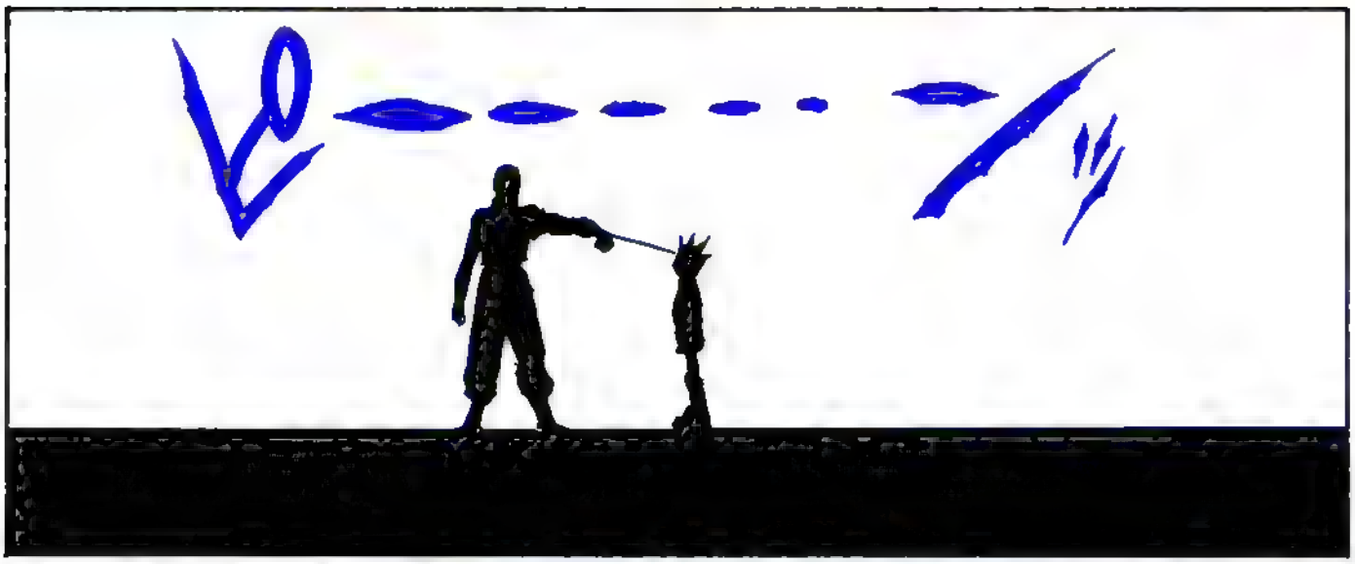
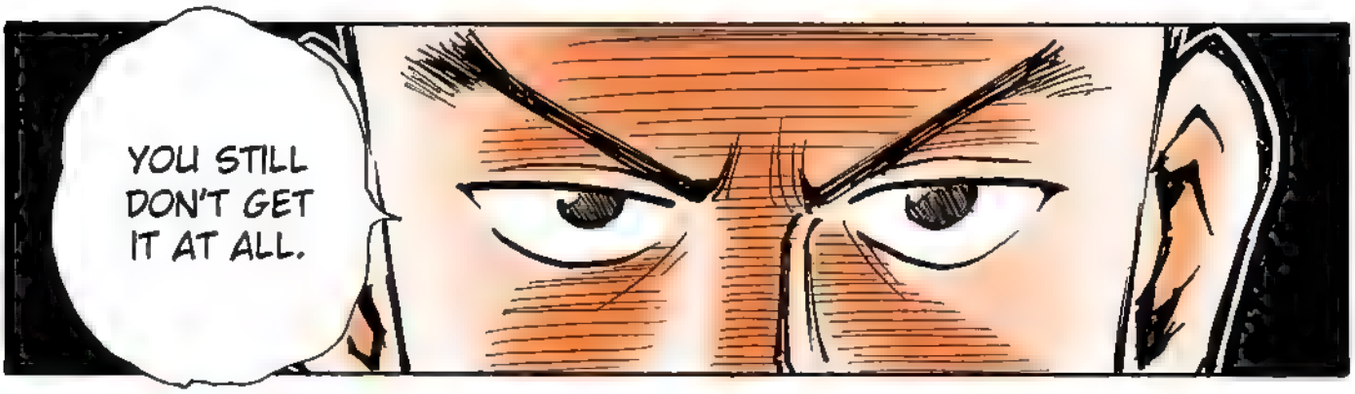
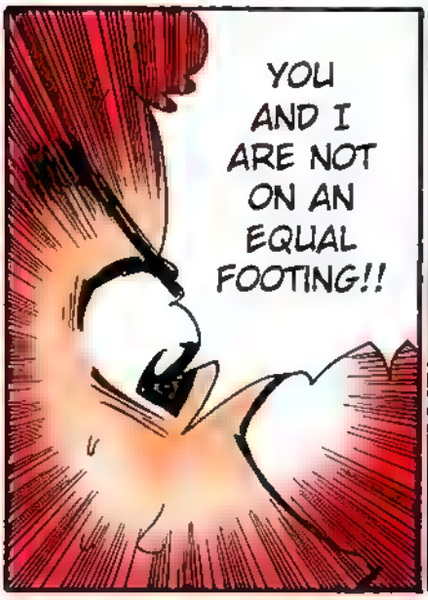
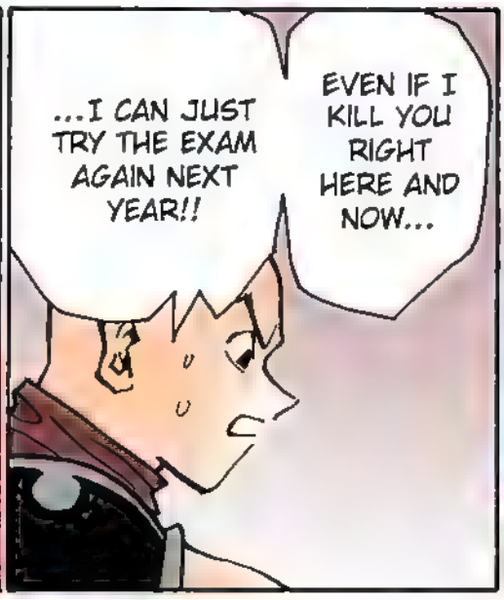
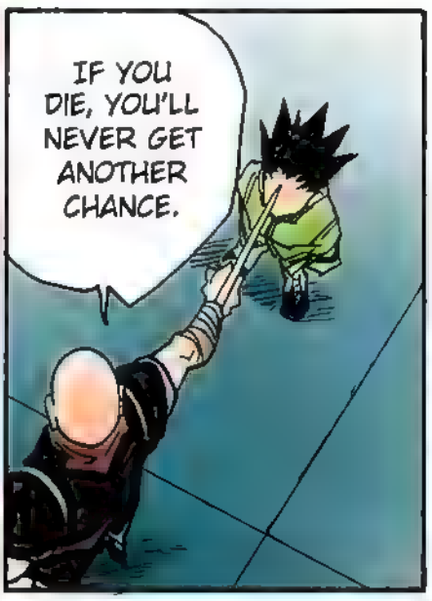


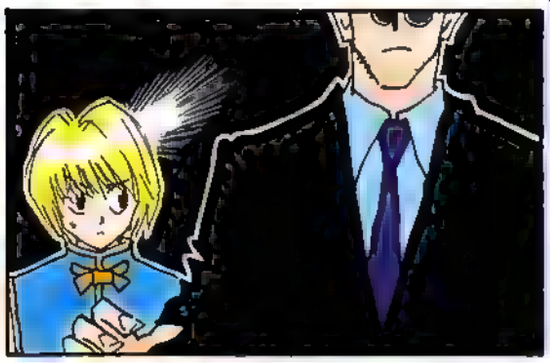



YOU STILL DON'T GET IT AT ALL.


YOU AND I ARE NOT ON AN EQUAL FOOTING!!

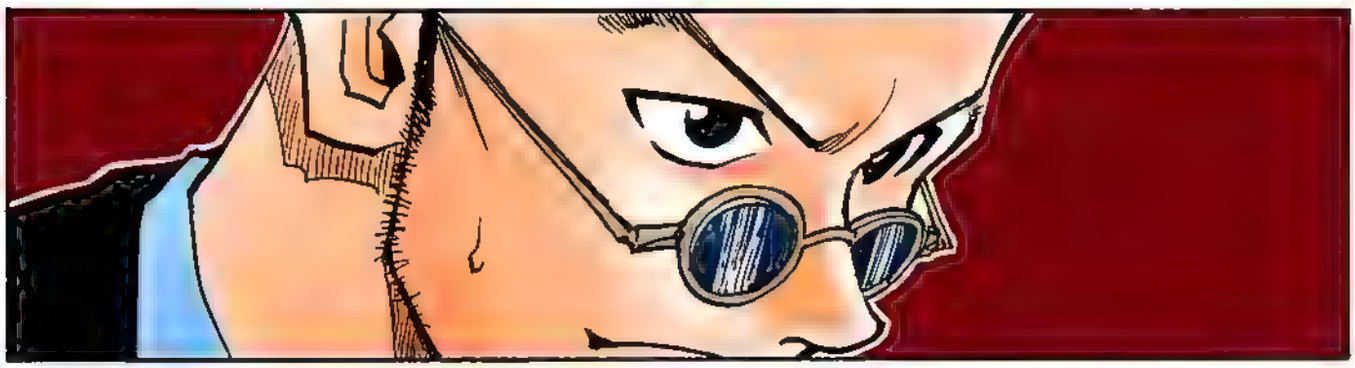

...I CAN JUST TRY THE EXAM AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!
EVEN IF I KILL YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW...

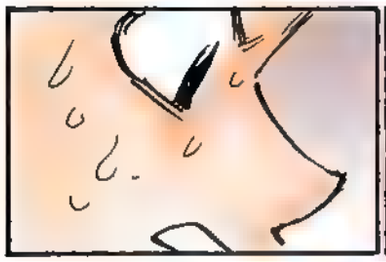

IF YOU DIE, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE.

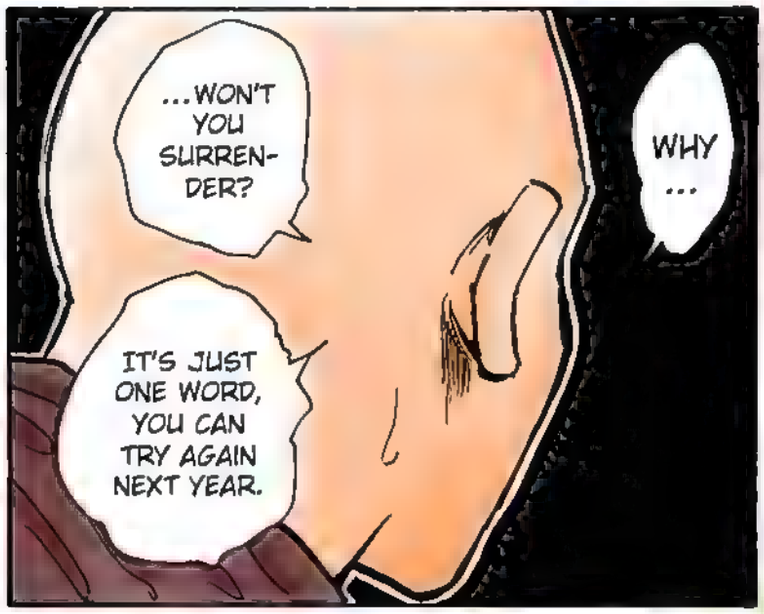


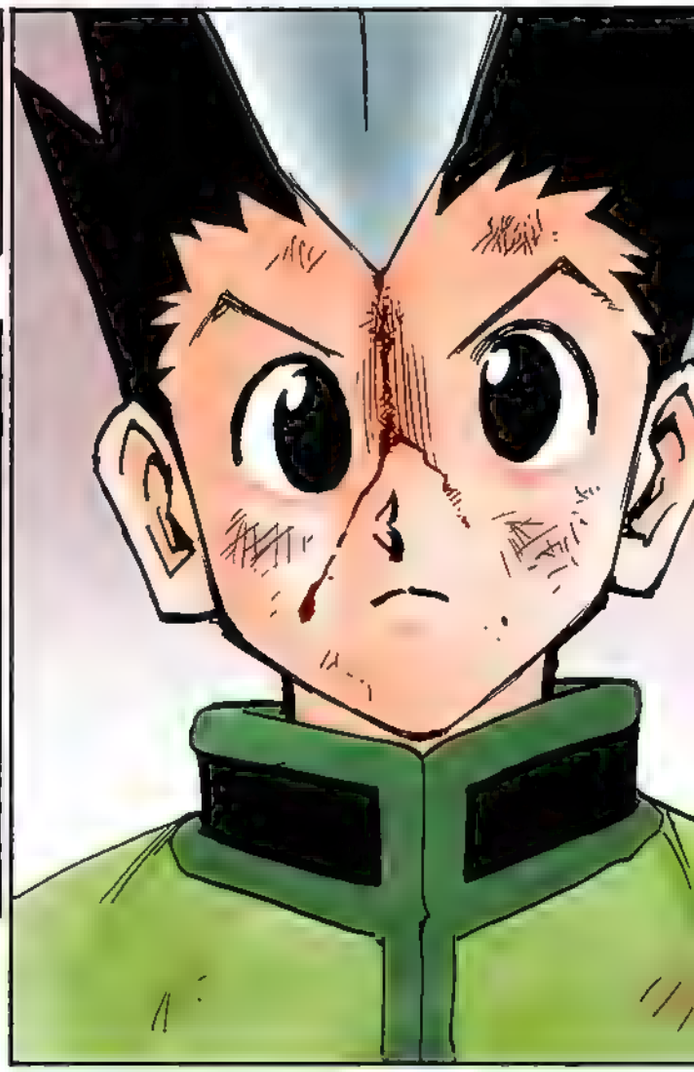
THAT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN NEUTRALIZE ON THE SPOT!!

IN THE END, IT ALL COMES DOWN TO ABILITY...!!



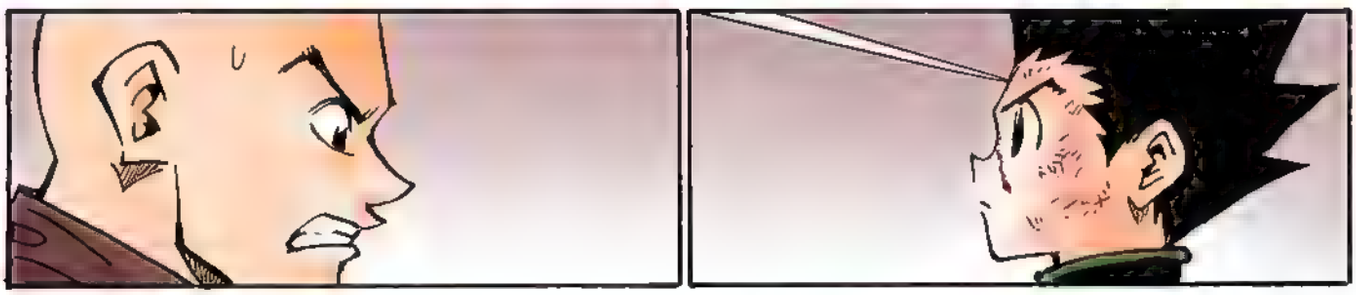


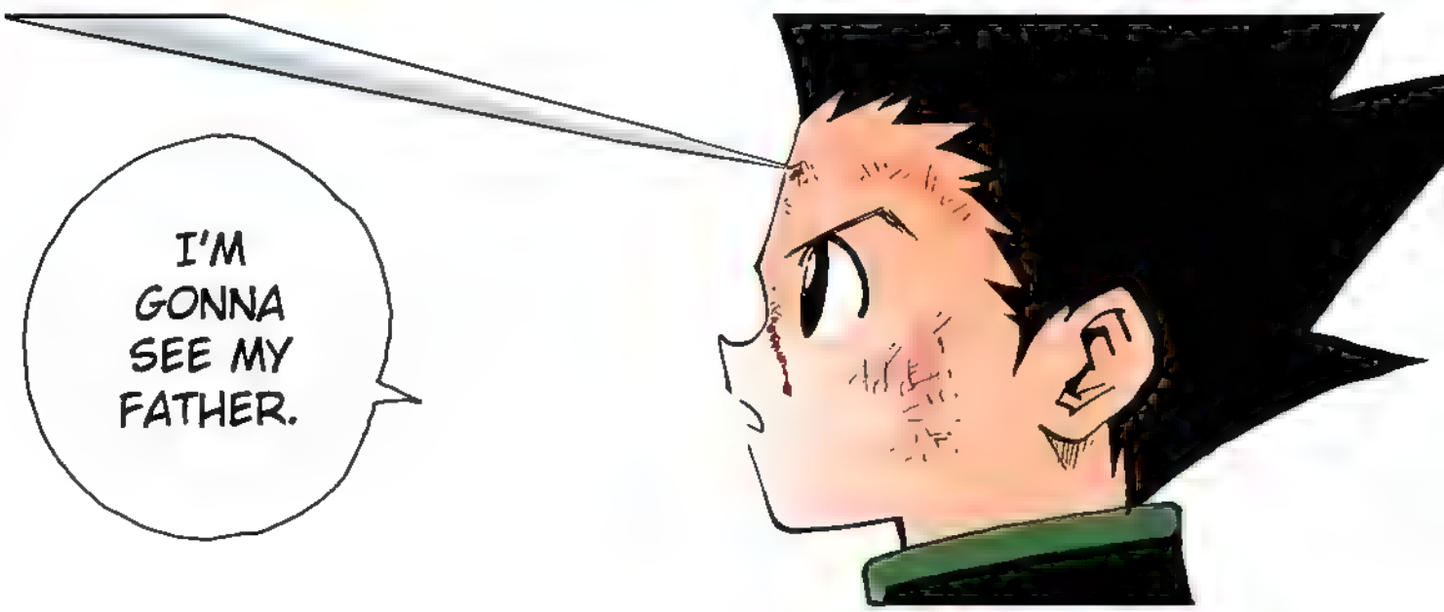


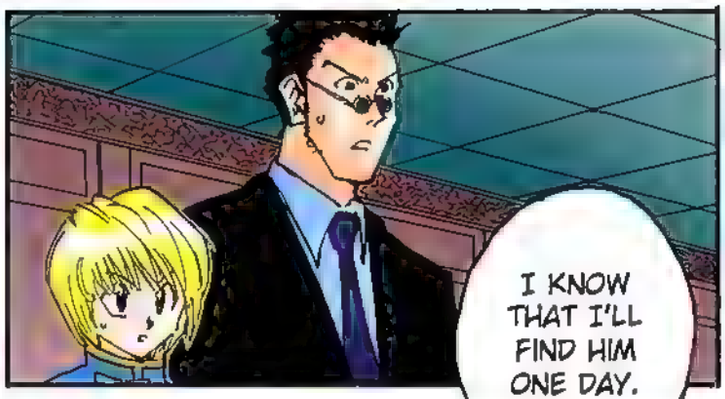


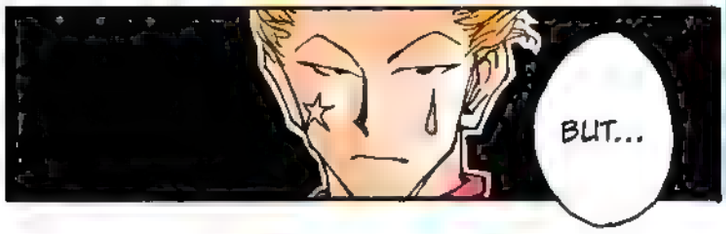
ARE YOU REALLY WILLING TO DIE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

IS YOUR PRIDE ALL YOU CARE ABOUT? EVEN MORE THAN YOUR LIFE?!






I KNOW THAT I'LL FIND HIM ONE DAY.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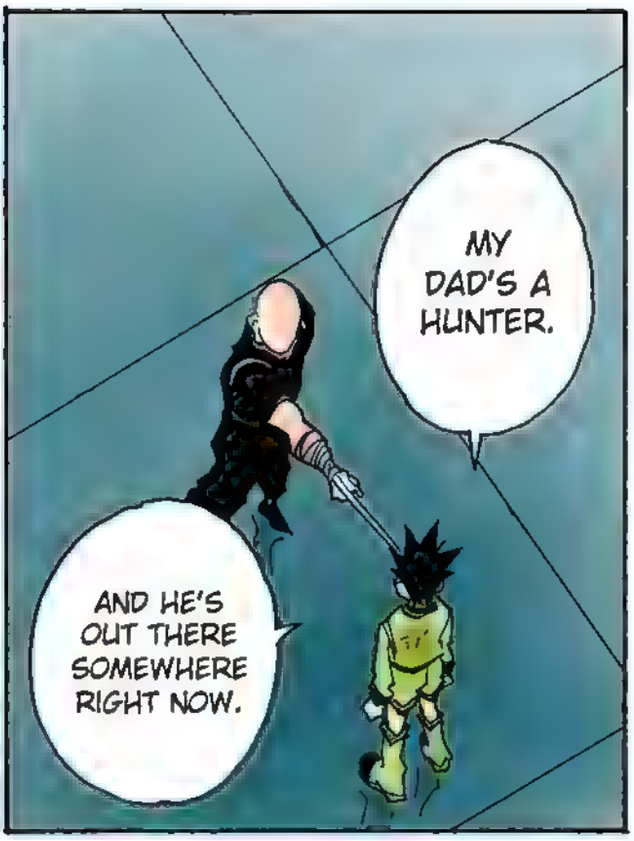
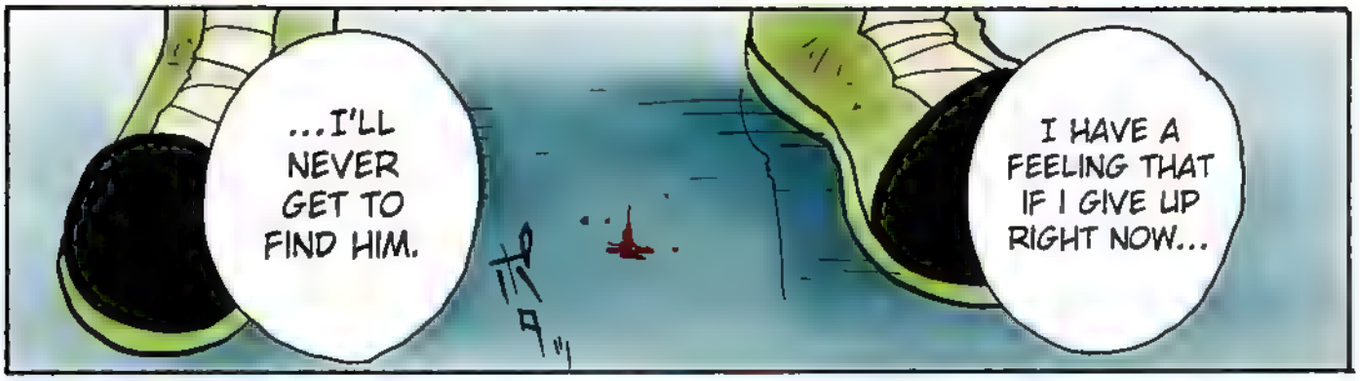
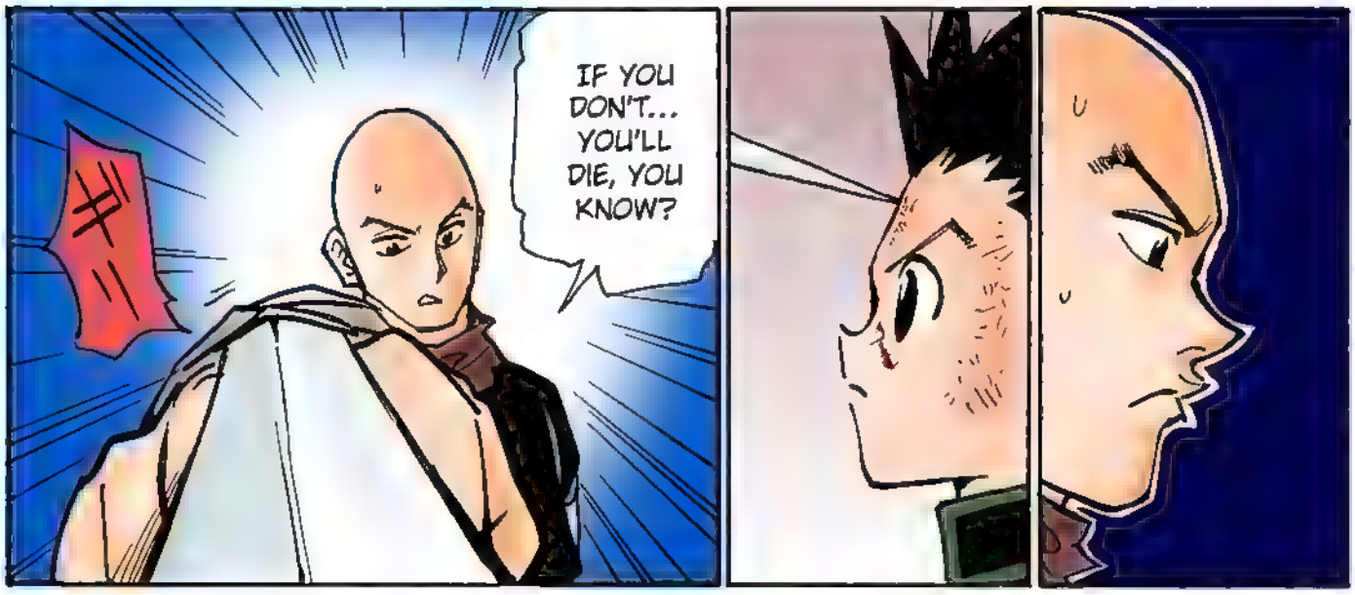
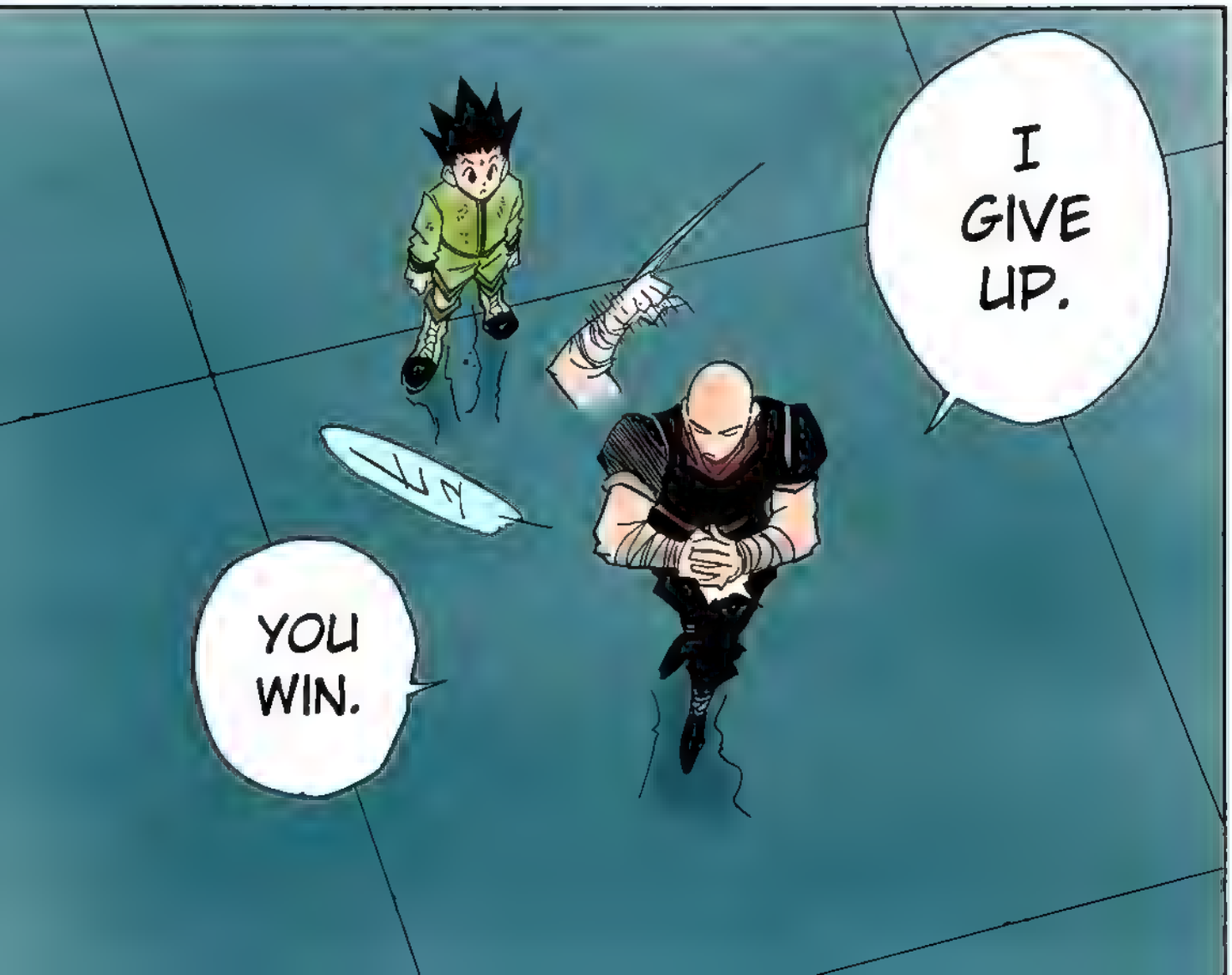

MY DAD'S A HUNTER.
AND HE'S OUT THERE SOMEWHERE RIGHT NOW.


...I'LL NEVER GET TO FIND HIM.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT IF I GIVE UP RIGHT NOW...

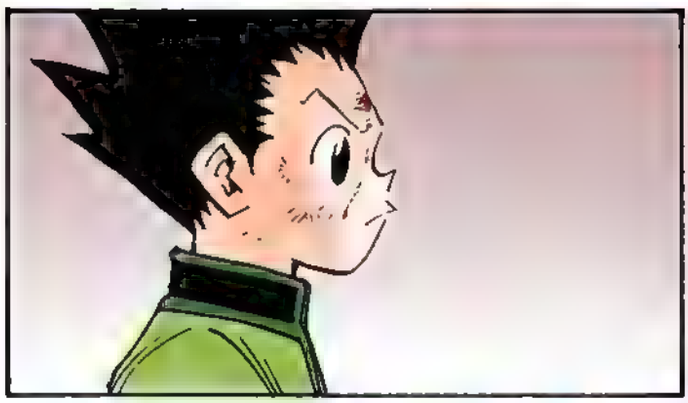
SO I WON'T SURRENDER.

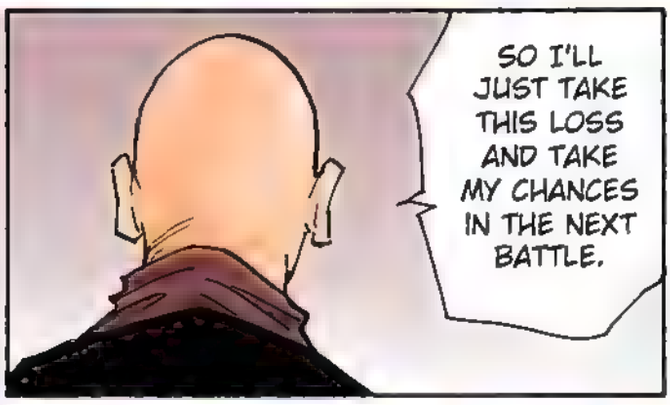

IF YOU DON'T... YOU'LL DIE, YOU KNOW?

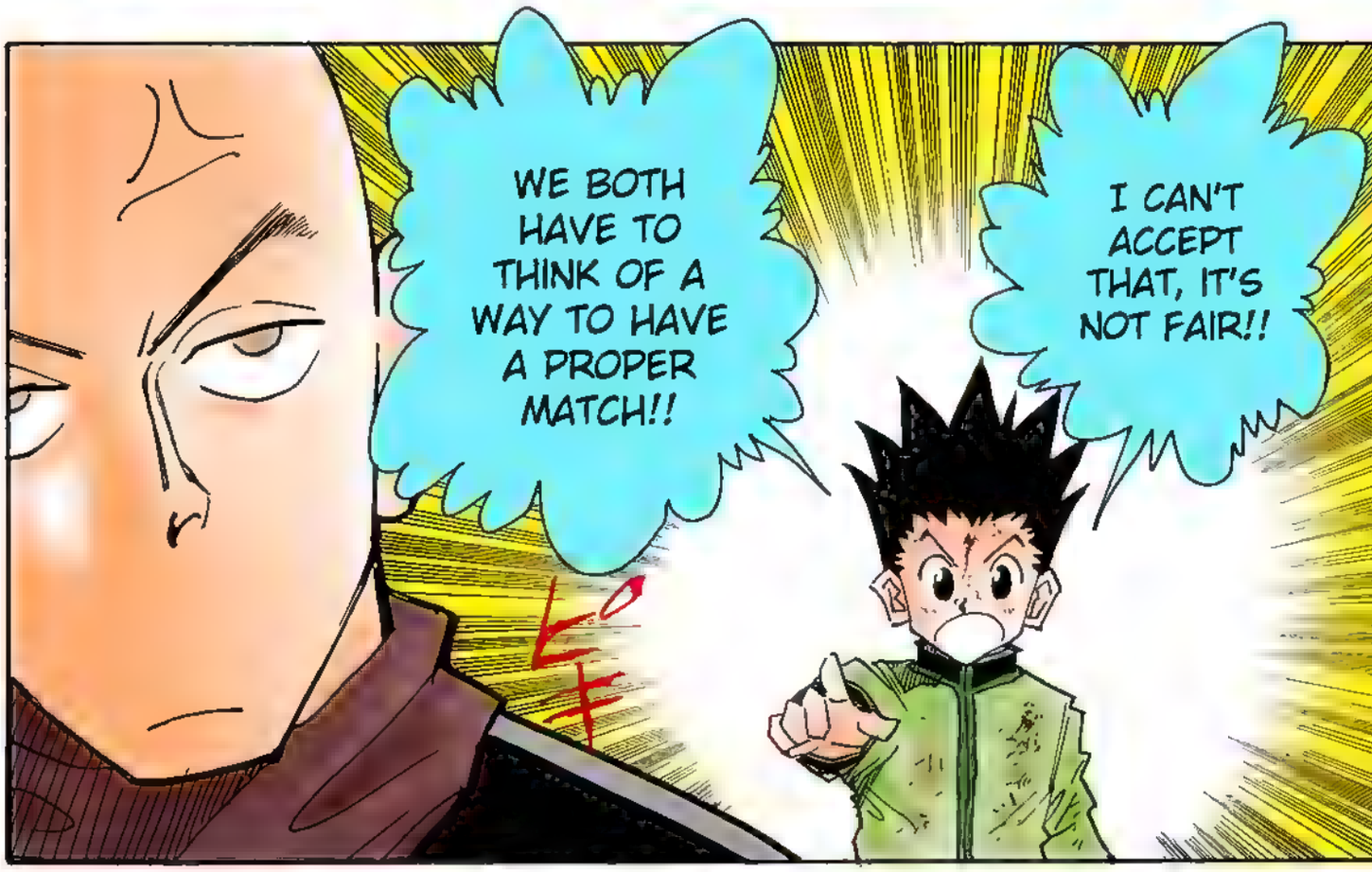
SO IT WAS NEVER ABOUT ANYTHING LOGICAL...


I GIVE UP.
YOU WIN.

I CAN'T KILL YOU.
AND I CAN'T THINK OF A WAY TO MAKE YOU "SURRENDER."




SO I'LL JUST TAKE THIS LOSS AND TAKE MY CHANCES IN THE NEXT BATTLE.


WE BOTH HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO HAVE A PROPER MATCH!!
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT, IT'S NOT FAIR!!

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED...

HEH...

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO FIGURE IT OUT!!

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST THEN?

BUT I HATE WINNING LIKE THIS!

YOU IDIOT!! THERE'S NO POINT, BECAUSE YOU'LL NEVER SURRENDER!!

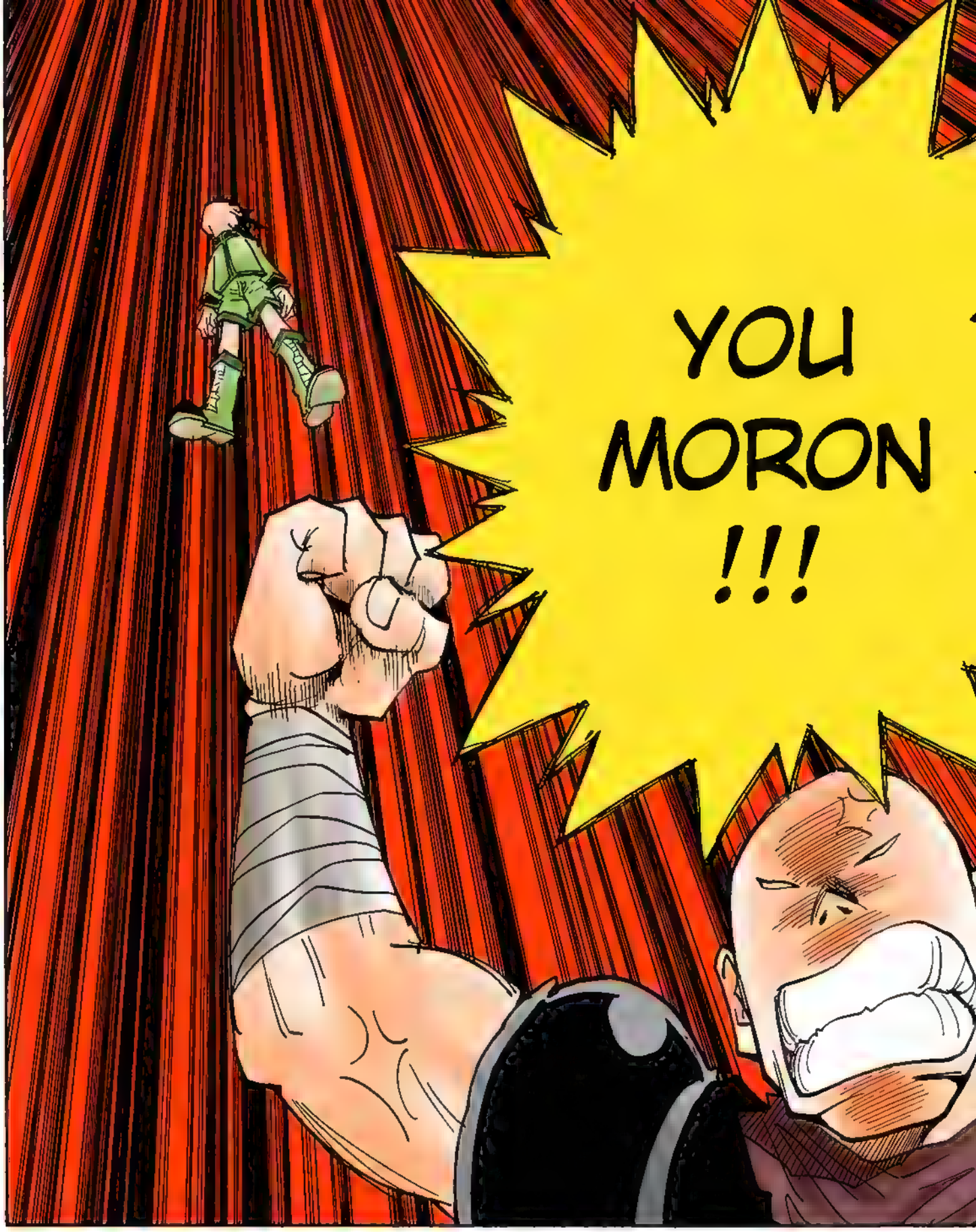
IS THAT RIGHT?!

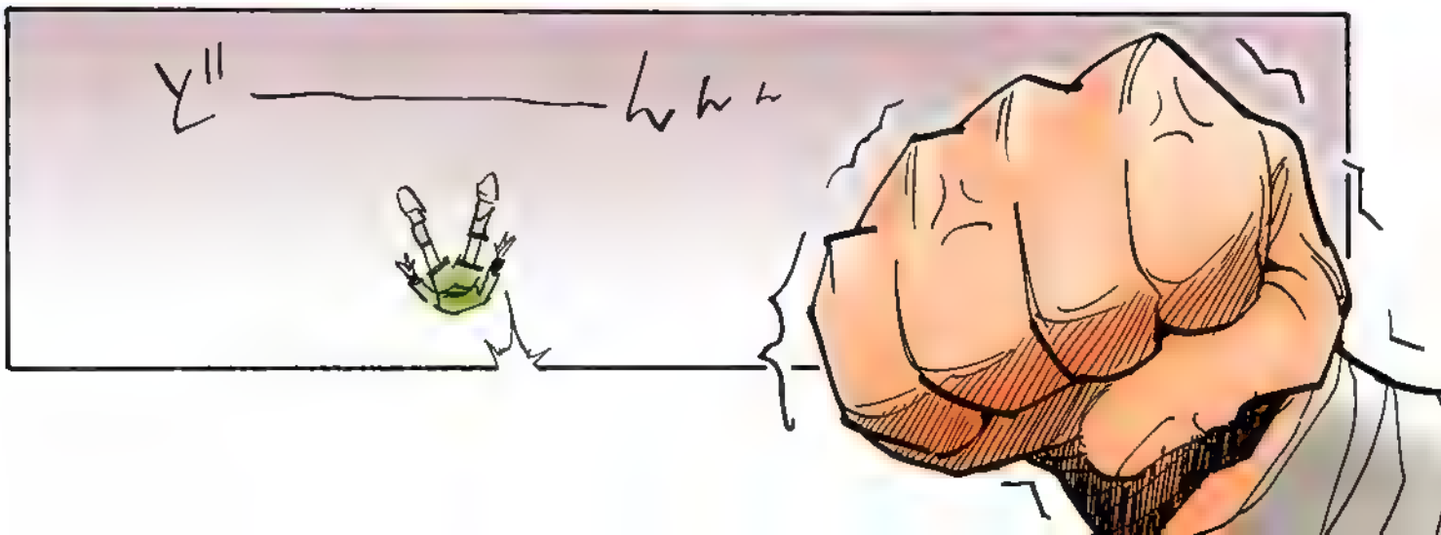
...WHILE HELPING YOU DETERMINE A WAY TO WIN SO YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOUR VICTORY?

...I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP ON THIS MATCH, BUT YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT SERIOUSLY TO TRY AND WIN AGAIN...

IN OTHER WORDS ...

YUP!!


YOU MORON !!!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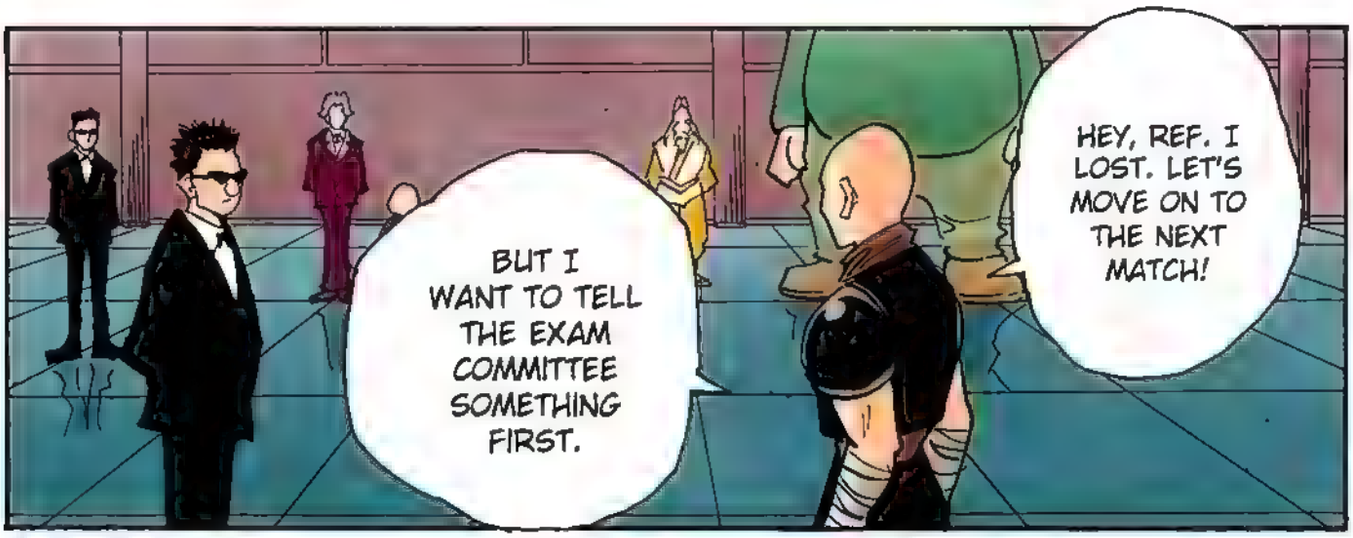
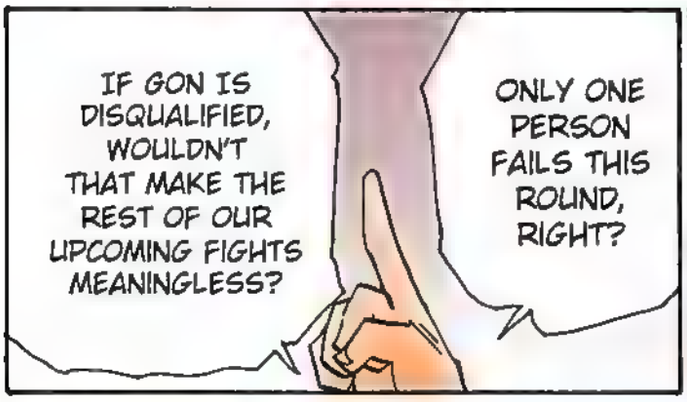
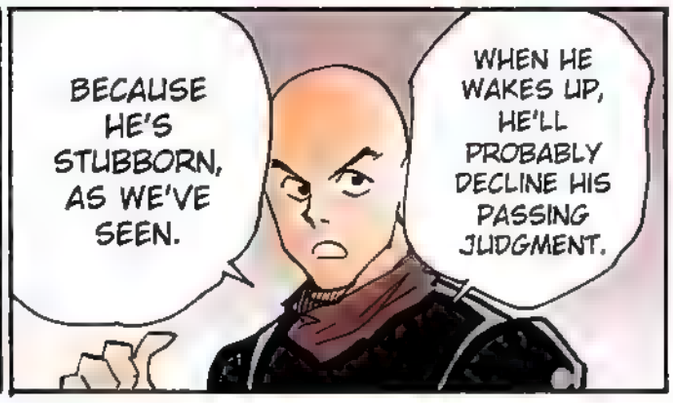
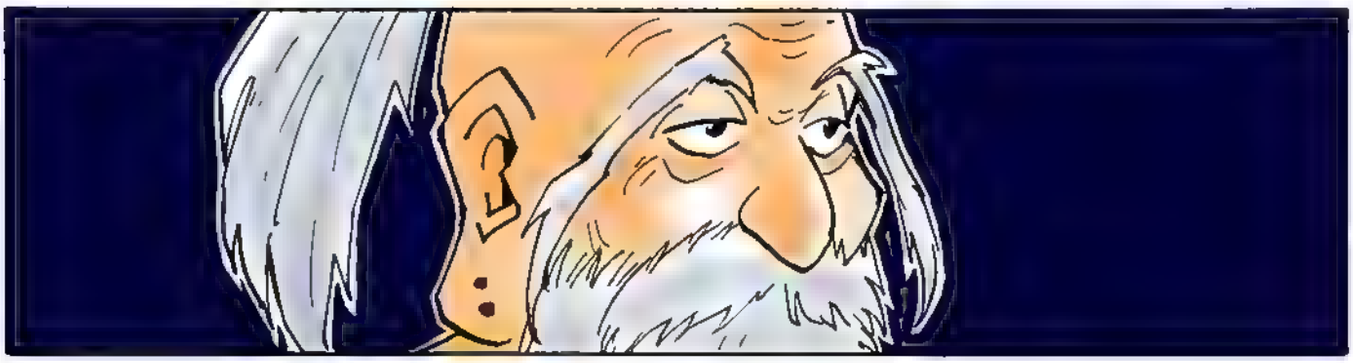
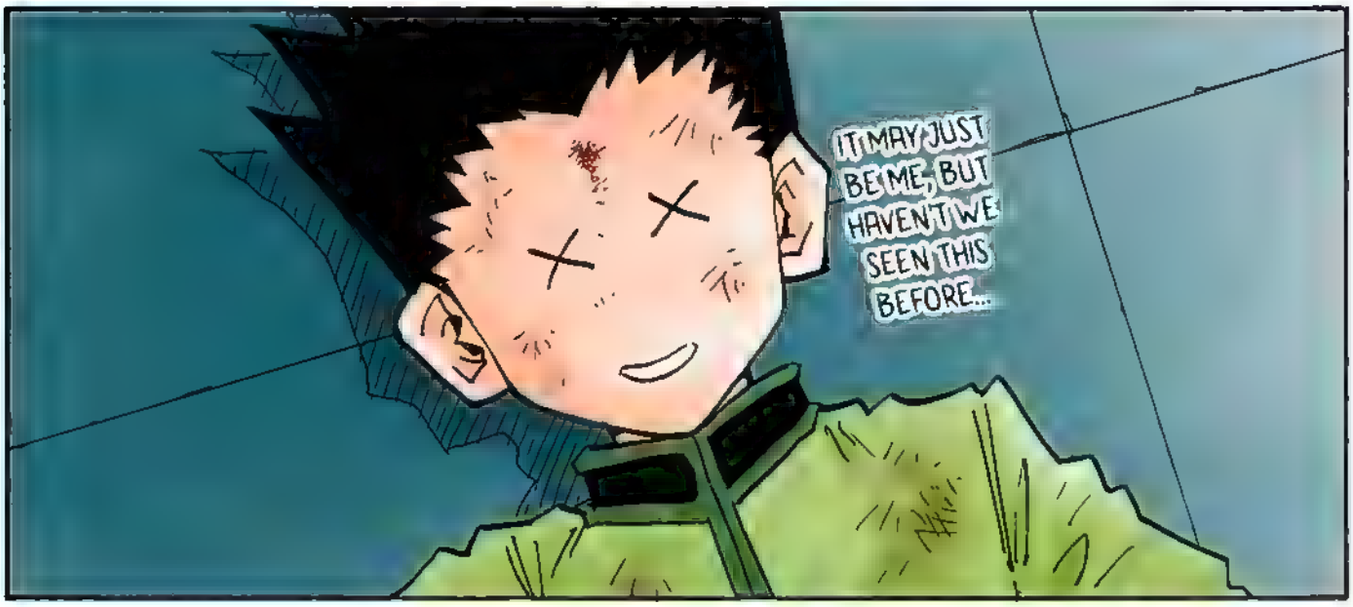

BUT I WANT TO TELL THE EXAM COMMITTEE SOMETHING FIRST.
HEY, REF. I LOST. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT MATCH!


IF GON IS DISQUALIFIED, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE THE REST OF OUR UPCOMING FIGHTS MEANINGLESS?
ONLY ONE PERSON FAILS THIS ROUND, RIGHT?


BECAUSE HE'S STUBBORN, AS WE'VE SEEN.
WHEN HE WAKES UP, HE'LL PROBABLY DECLINE HIS PASSING JUDGMENT.




IT MAY JUST BE ME, BUT HAVEN'T WE SEEN THIS BEFORE...

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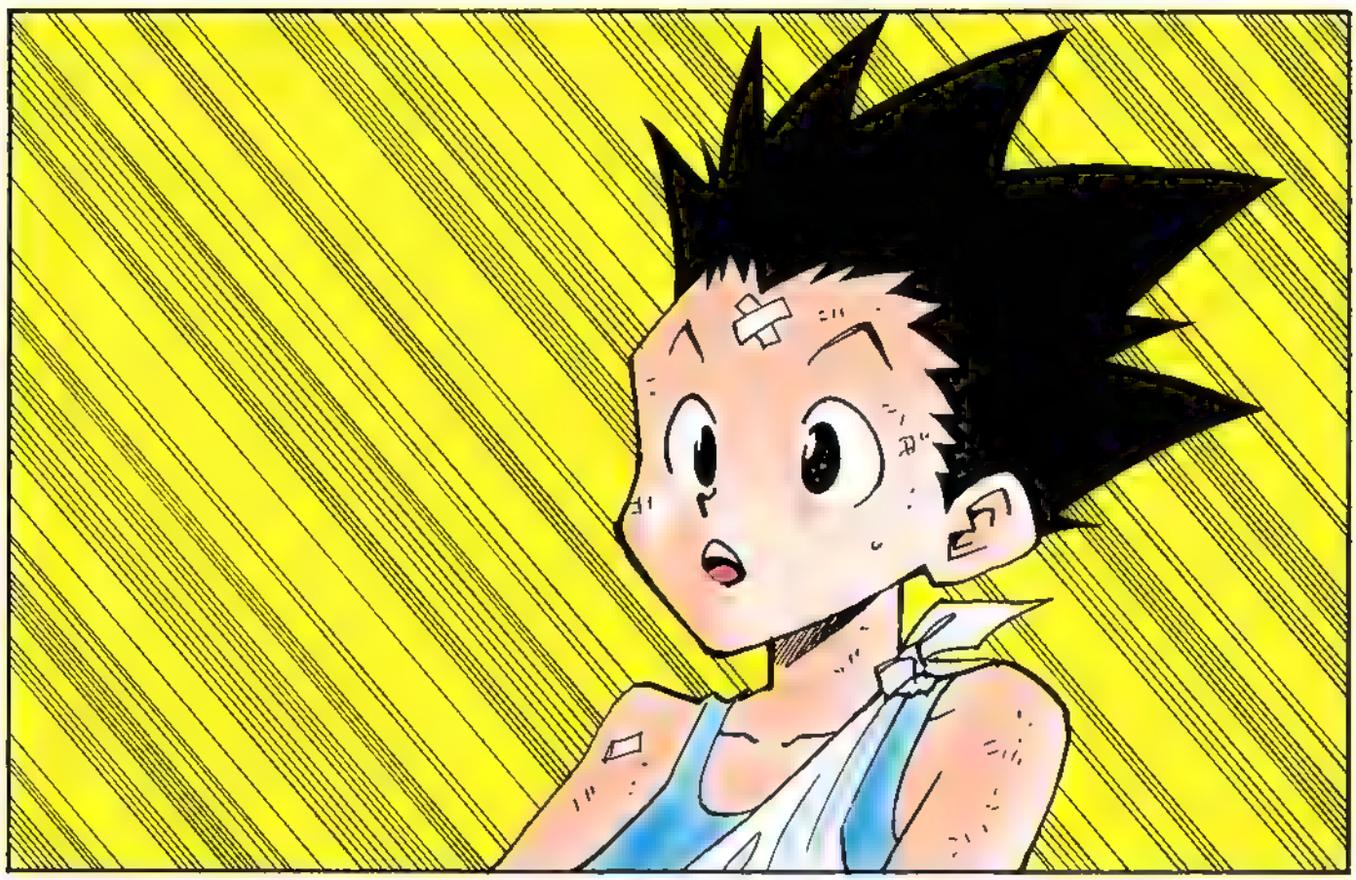
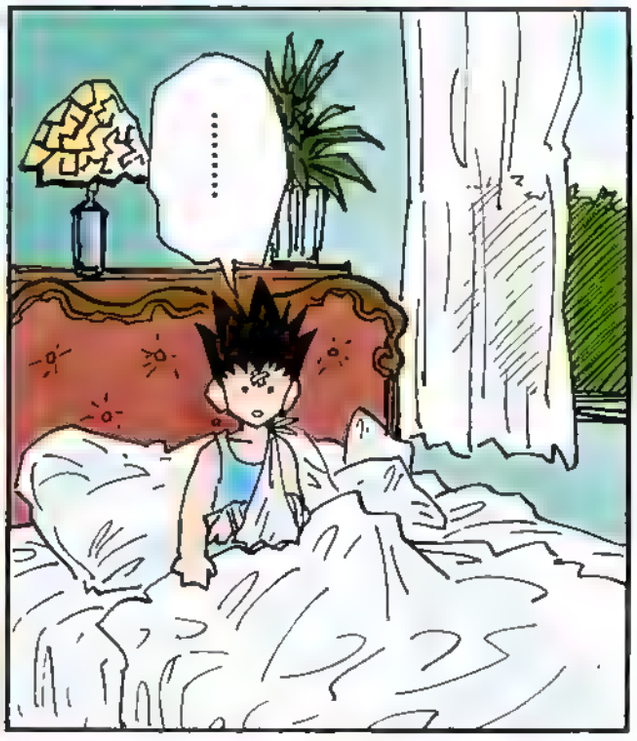


YOU'RE AWAKE.
OH.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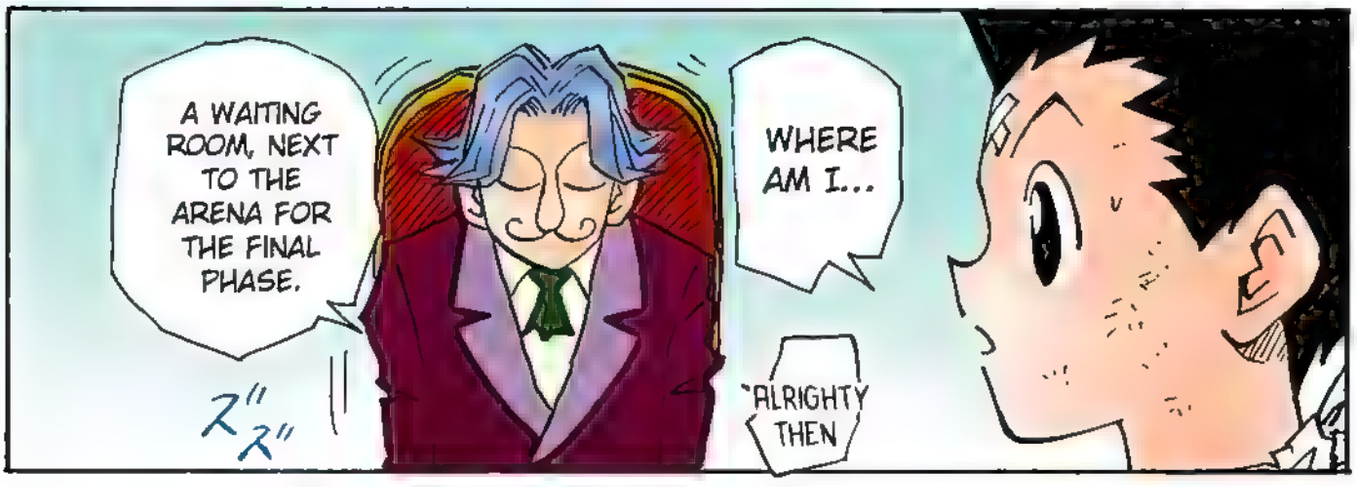
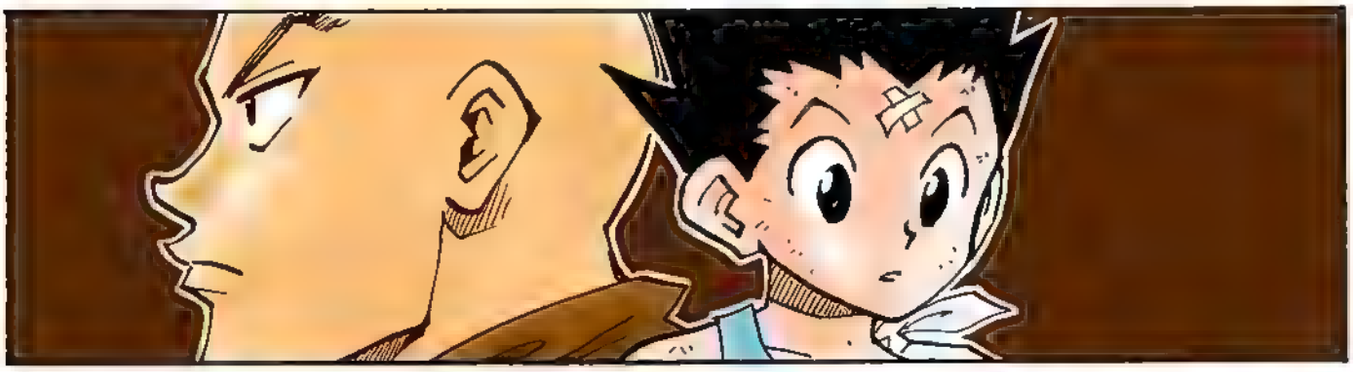
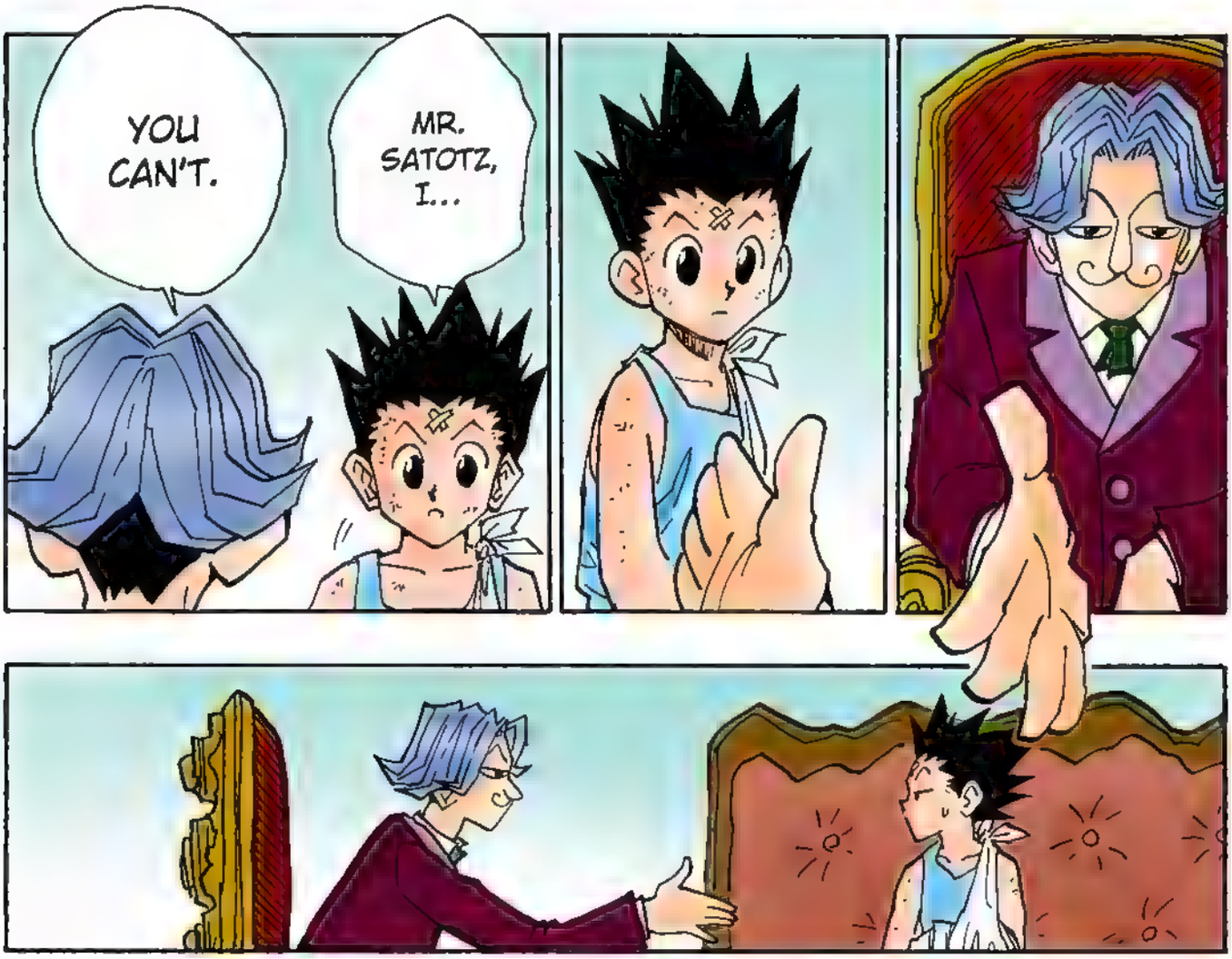

A WAITING ROOM, NEXT TO THE ARENA FOR THE FINAL PHASE.
WHERE AM I...
ALRIGHTY THEN

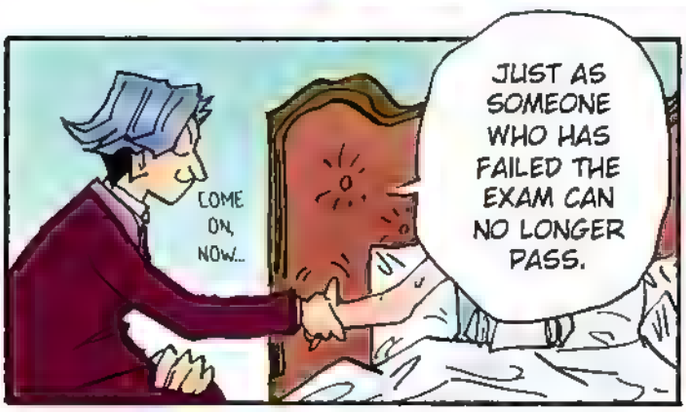
THE BREAK WAS VERY CLEAN.
IN FACT, ONCE IT HEALS, THE BONE WILL BE STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
YOUR ARM WILL HEAL QUICKLY.
OH RIGHT... I WAS FACING OFF AGAINST HANZO.

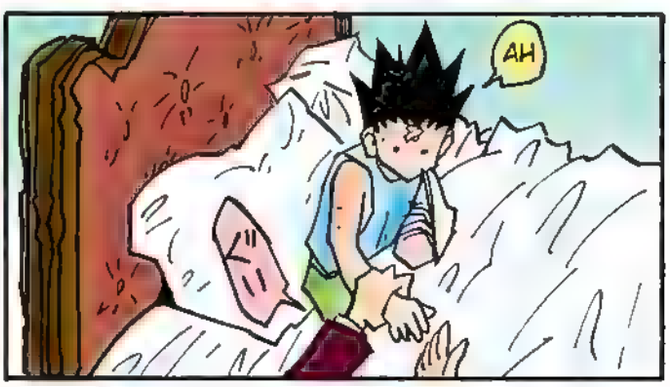


IN ANY CASE...

CONGRA-TULATIONS ON YOUR WIN.


YOU CAN'T.
MR. SATOTZ, I...


COME ON, NOW...
JUST AS SOMEONE WHO HAS FAILED THE EXAM CAN NO LONGER PASS.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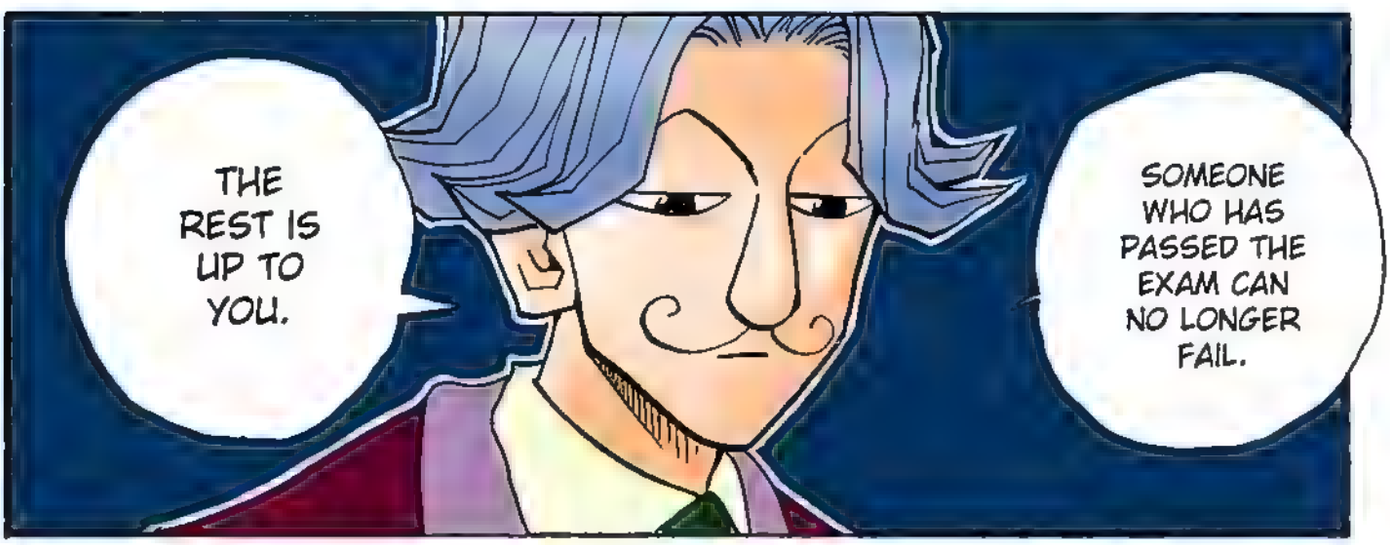
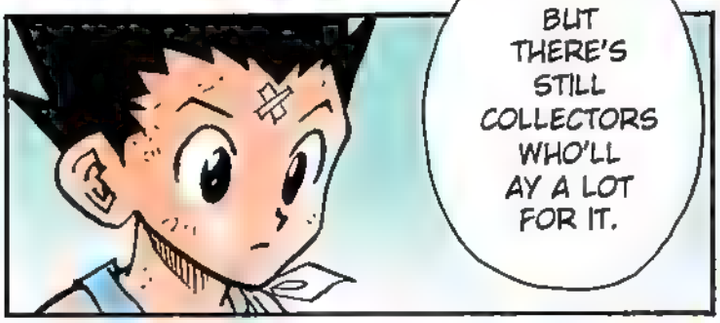
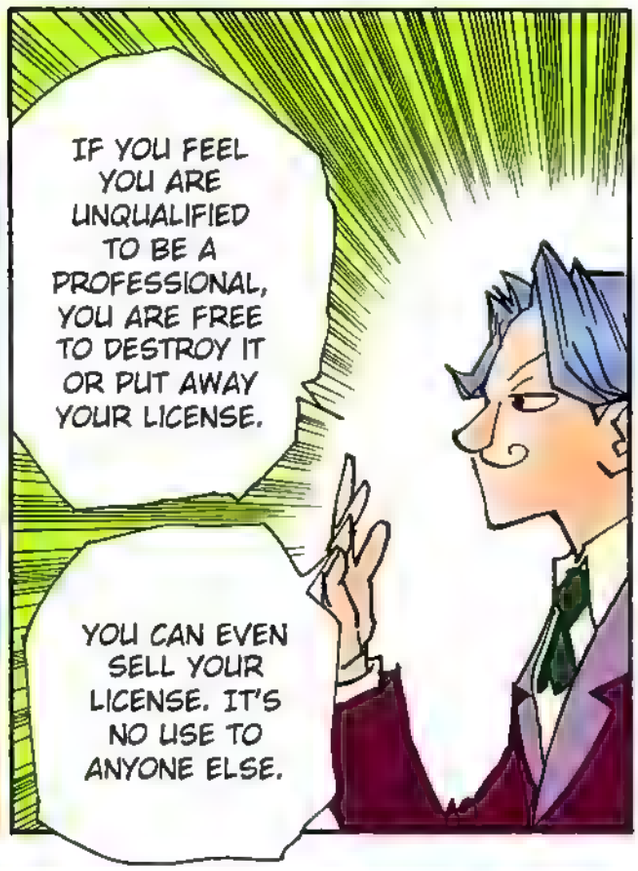

THE REST IS UP TO YOU.
SOMEONE WHO HAS PASSED THE EXAM CAN NO LONGER FAIL.


BUT THERE'S STILL COLLECTORS WHO'LL AY A LOT FOR IT.

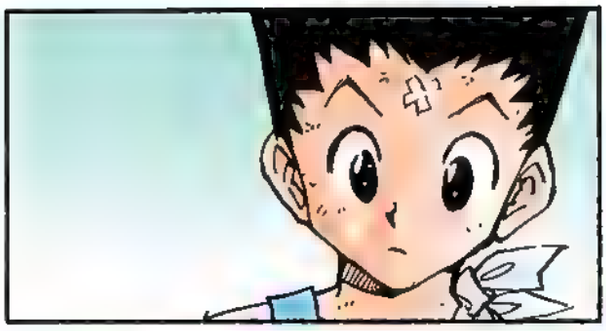

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE UNQUALIFIED TO BE A PROFESSIONAL, YOU ARE FREE TO DESTROY IT OR PUT AWAY YOUR LICENSE.
YOU CAN EVEN SELL YOUR LICENSE. IT'S NO USE TO ANYONE ELSE.

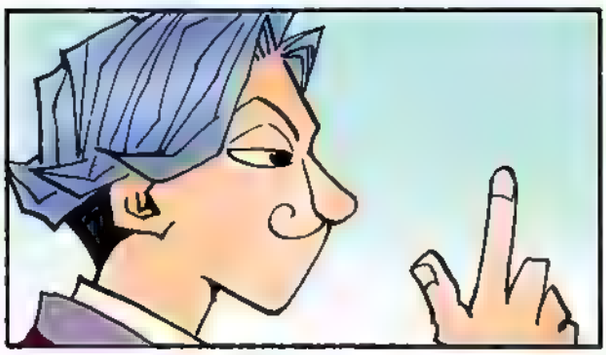
HOWEVER, A PERSON WHO HAS PASSED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETAKE THE EXAM.

HENCE, THERE ARE MANY APPLICANTS WHO HARBOR ILL INTENTIONS.
PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS ARE TREATED WELL, LARGELY DUE TO OUR PREDECESSORS' EFFORTS.

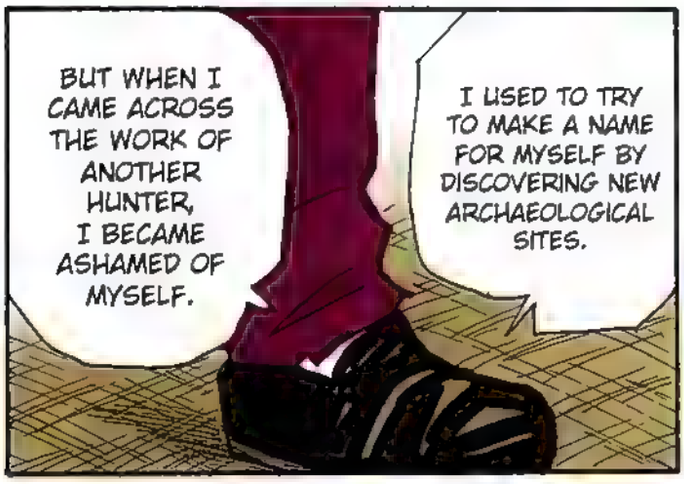
MOST PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS...
...CONSIDER THIS CARD MORE VALUABLE THAN THEIR OWN LIVES.
ALL THE SAME, IT'S JUST A SILLY PIECE OF JUNK.

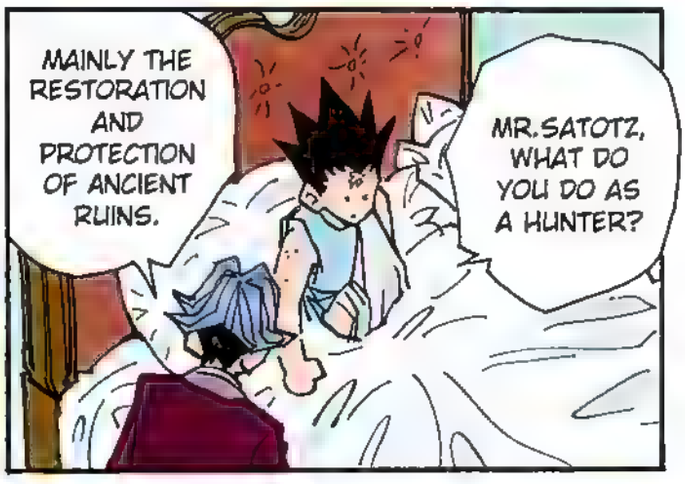
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM...
...IT WOULDN'T MATTER AND WE JUST PASS ANYONE WHO APPLIES.



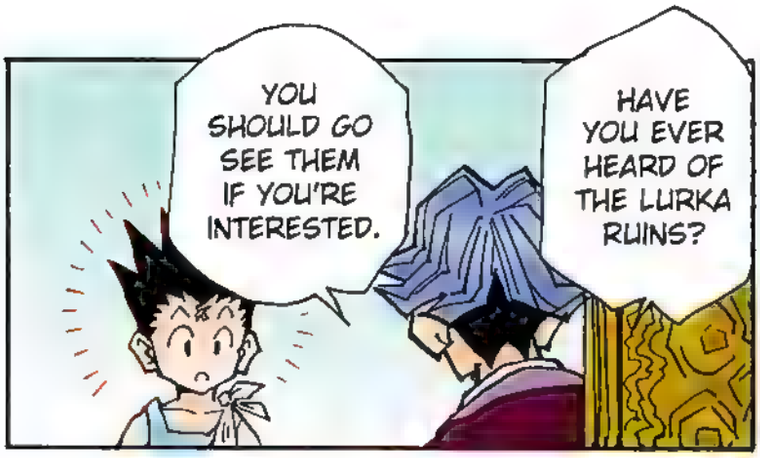


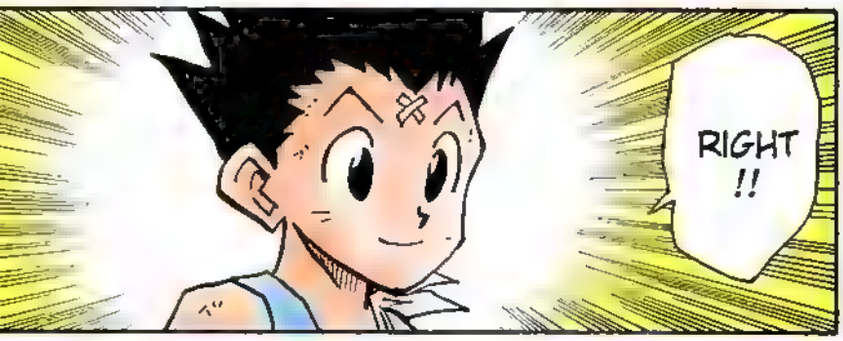
THE IMPORTANT THING IS WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH ONCE YOU BECOME A HUNTER.
RIGHT?

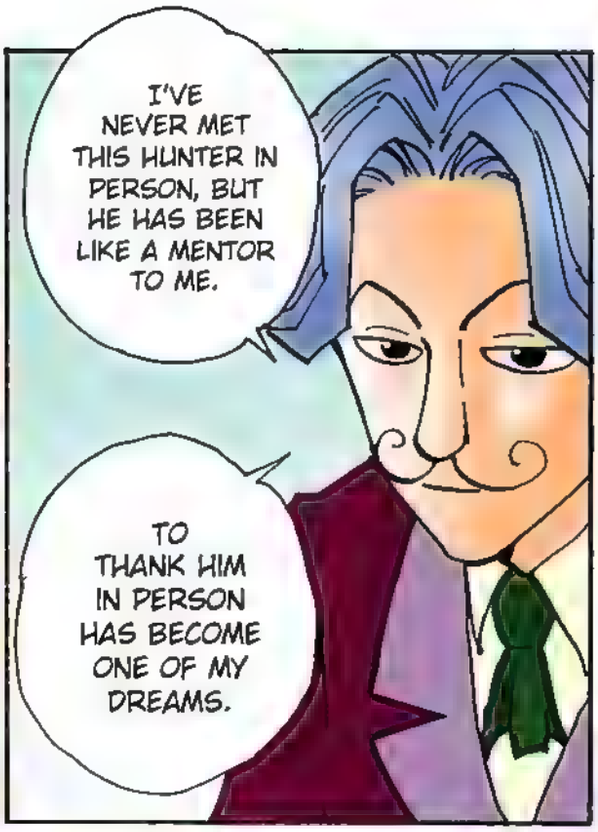

BUT WHEN I CAME ACROSS THE WORK OF ANOTHER HUNTER, I BECAME ASHAMED OF MYSELF.
I USED TO TRY TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF BY DISCOVERING NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES.


MAINLY THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF ANCIENT RUINS.
MR. SATOTZ, WHAT DO YOU DO AS A HUNTER?

THAT HUNTERS METHODS FOR PRESERVING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES HAVE BECOME STANDARDS WORLDWIDE.
THIS HUNTER SPENT HIS OWN MONEY TO RESTORE THE RUINS. HIS WORK ENABLED LONG TERM PROTECTION OF THE RUINS AND ALSO OPENED THEM TO THE PUBLIC. I FELT DEFEATED NOT BY THE BEAUTY OF IT BUT BY HIS WORK AND HIS THOUGHTS THAT WENT INTO IT.

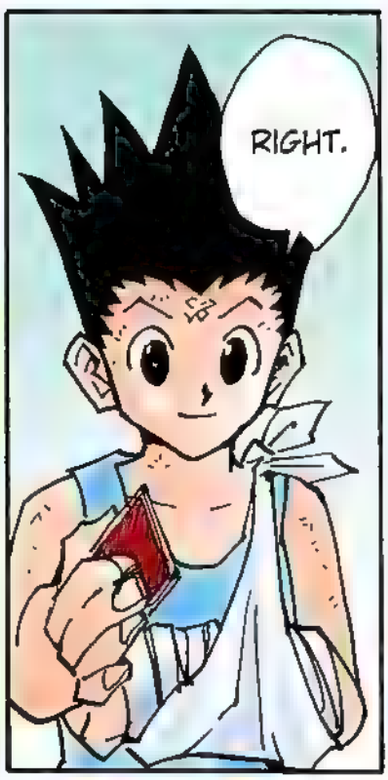

YOU SHOULD GO SEE THEM IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE LURKA RUINS?


RIGHT !!


I'VE NEVER MET THIS HUNTER IN PERSON, BUT HE HAS BEEN LIKE A MENTOR TO ME.
TO THANK HIM IN PERSON HAS BECOME ONE OF MY DREAMS.

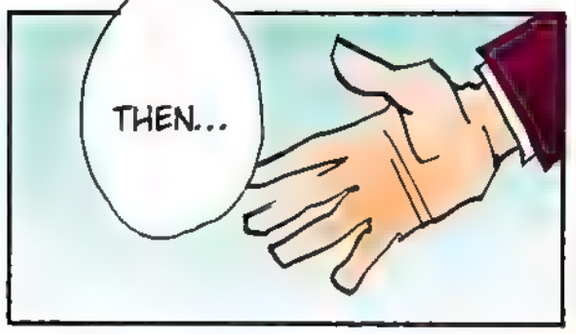
GON.

A LOT OF PEOPLE HELPED ME REACH THIS POINT...
...SO I OWE THEM A LOT.


RIGHT.

WHEN YOU DECIDE TO START USING IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU.
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.

ONCE I'VE RETURNED THE FAVOR, I'LL BE READY.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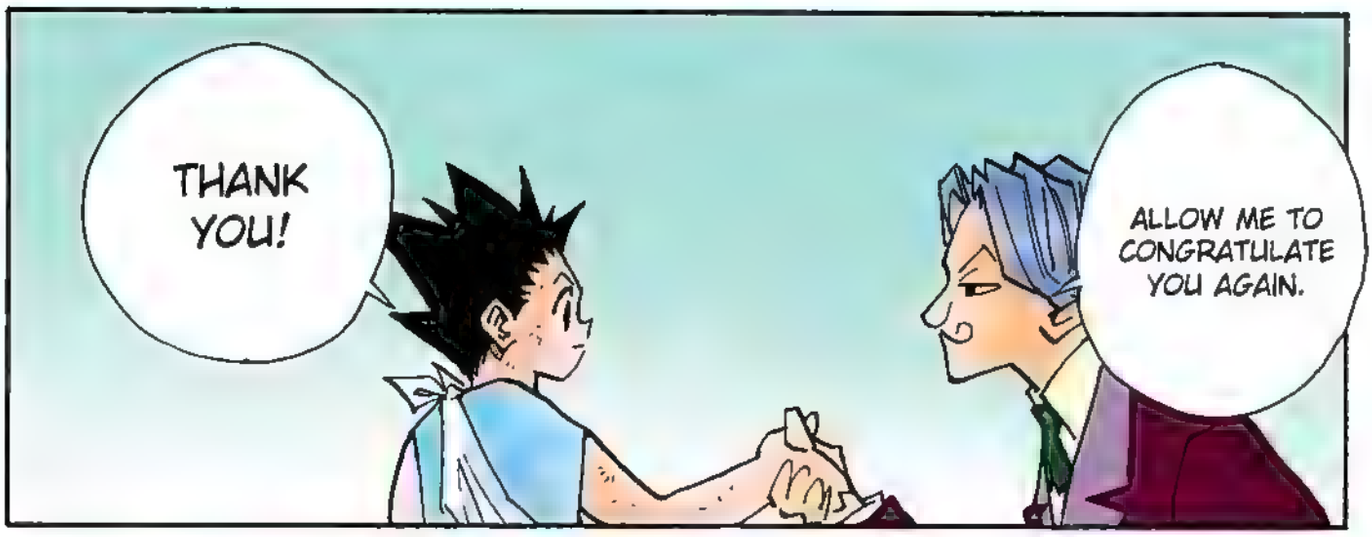
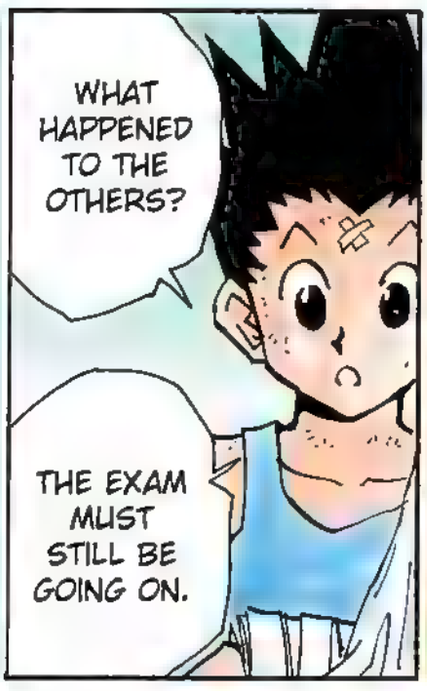

THANK YOU!
ALLOW ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU AGAIN.


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS?
THE EXAM MUST STILL BE GOING ON.

OH.
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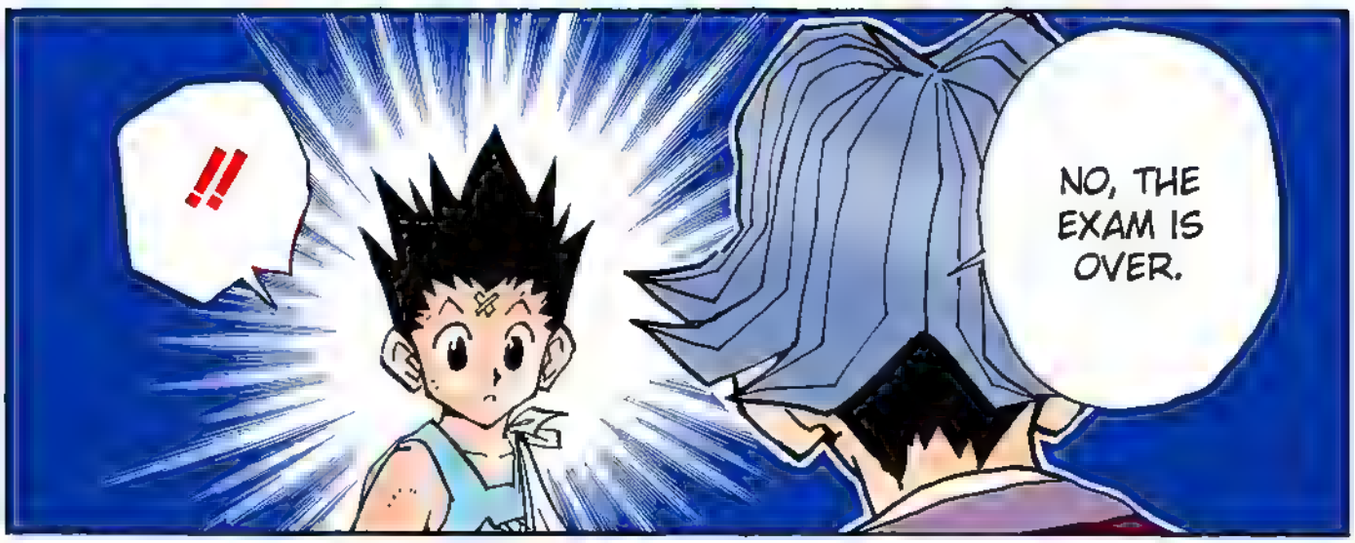
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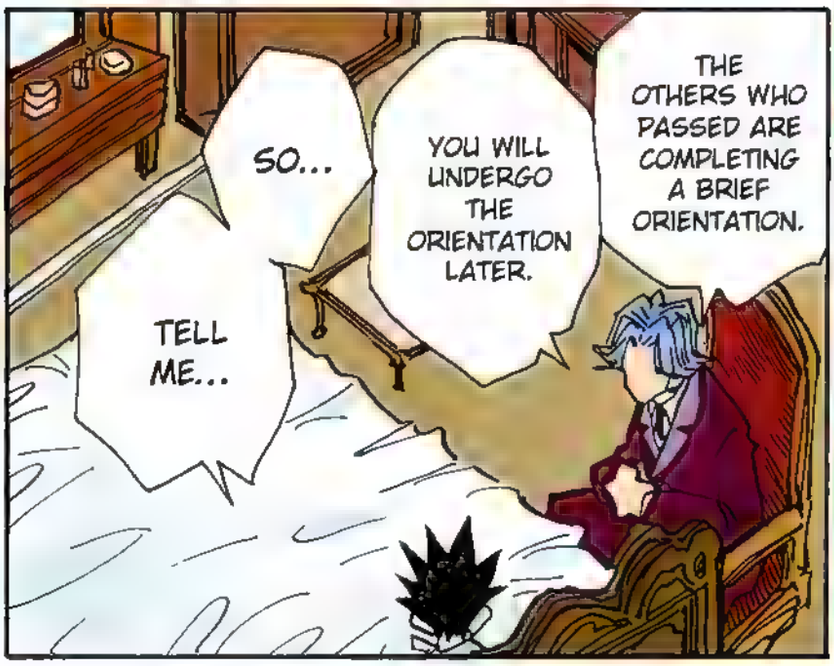
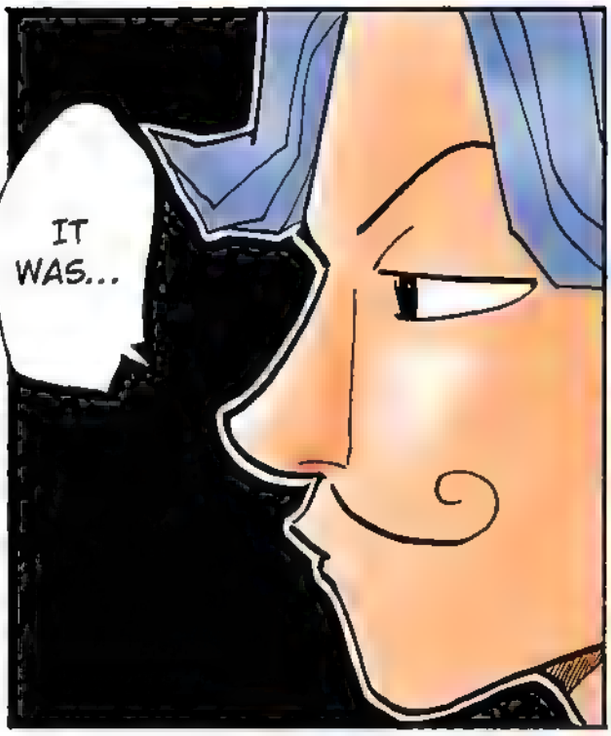

SO...
YOU WILL UNDERGO THE ORIENTATION LATER.
THE OTHERS WHO PASSED ARE COMPLETING A BRIEF ORIENTATION.
TELL ME...

YES.
REALLY ?!
YOU SLEPT FOR NEARLY AN ENTIRE DAY.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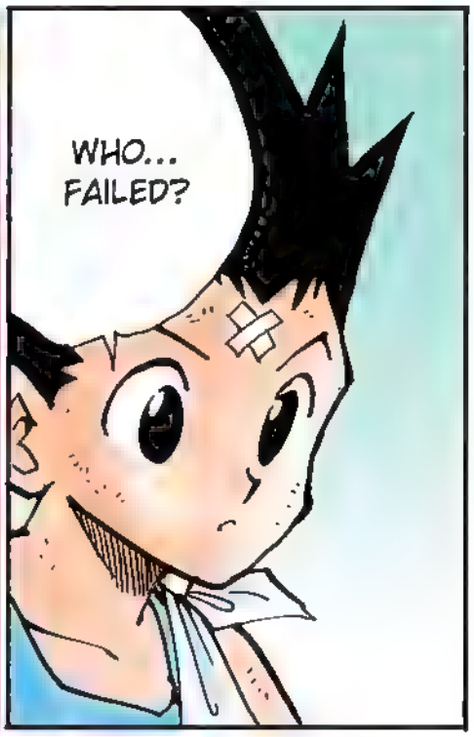
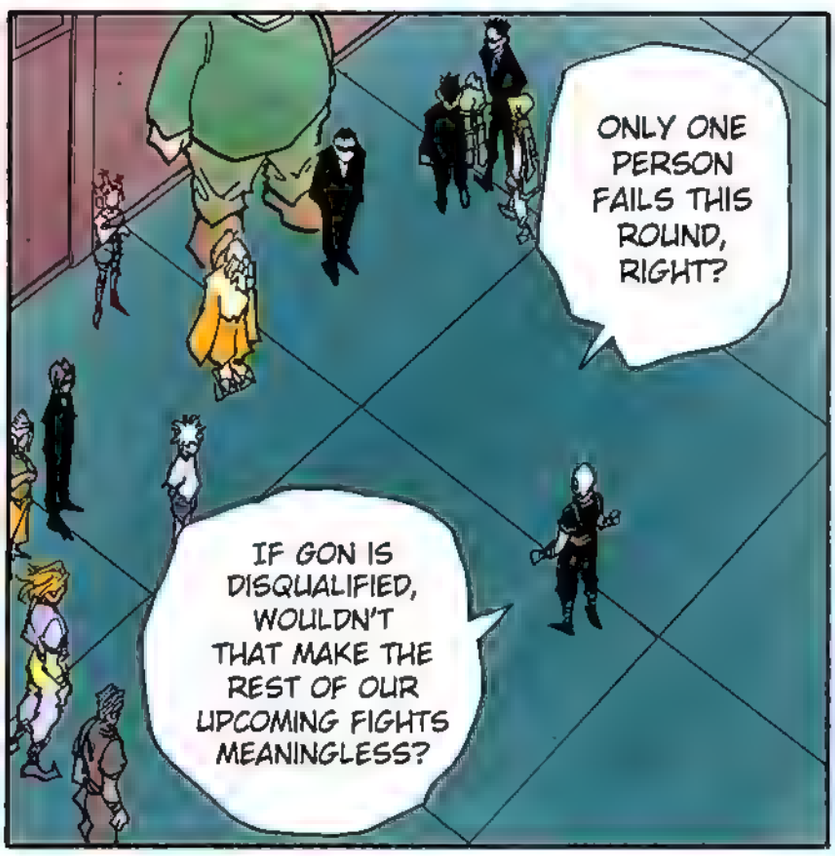
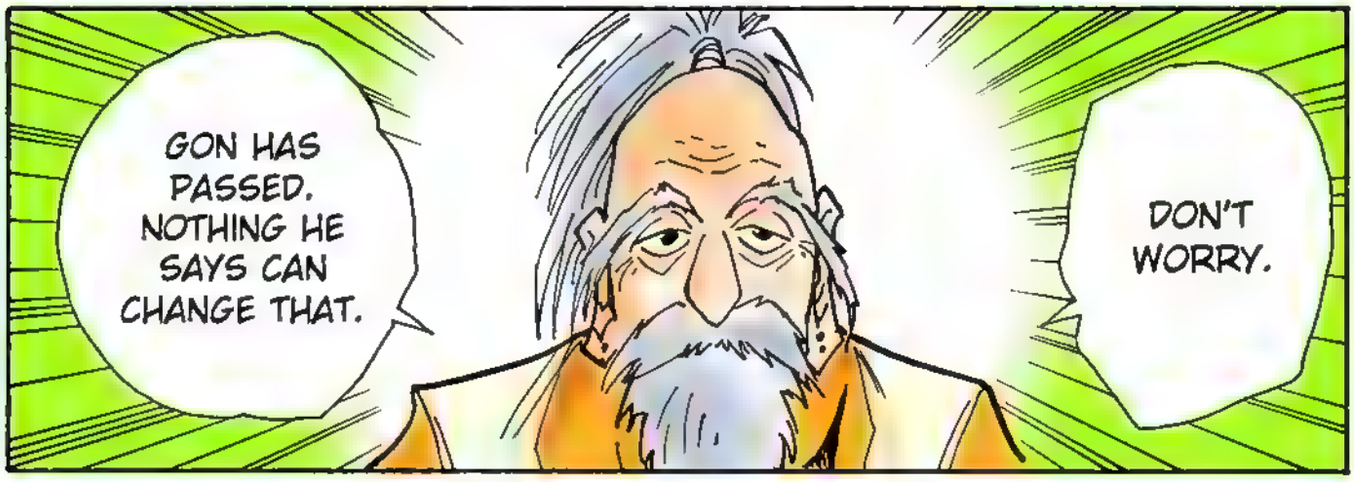

WHO... FAILED?


ONLY ONE PERSON FAILS THIS ROUND, RIGHT?
IF GON IS DISQUALIFIED, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE THE REST OF OUR UPCOMING FIGHTS MEANINGLESS?

WHEN HE WAKES UP, HE'LL PROBABLY DECLINE HIS PASSING JUDGMENT.
HOP!


GON HAS PASSED. NOTHING HE SAYS CAN CHANGE THAT.
DON'T WORRY.

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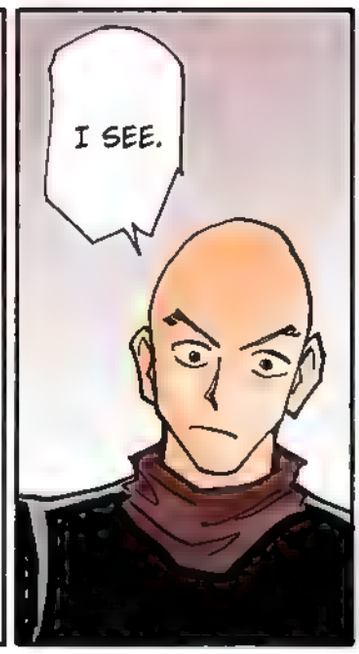
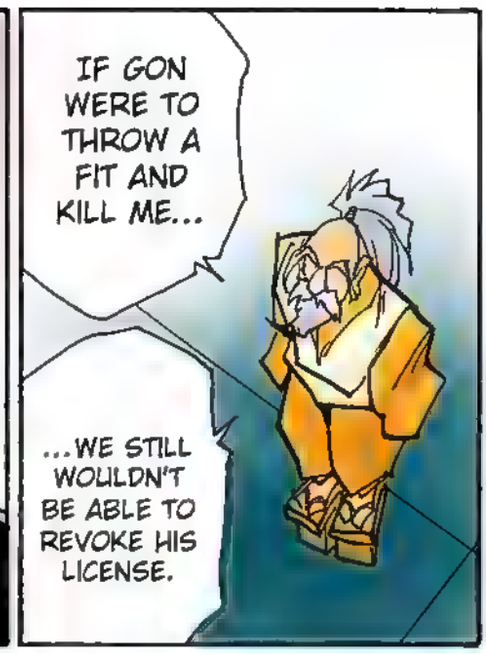
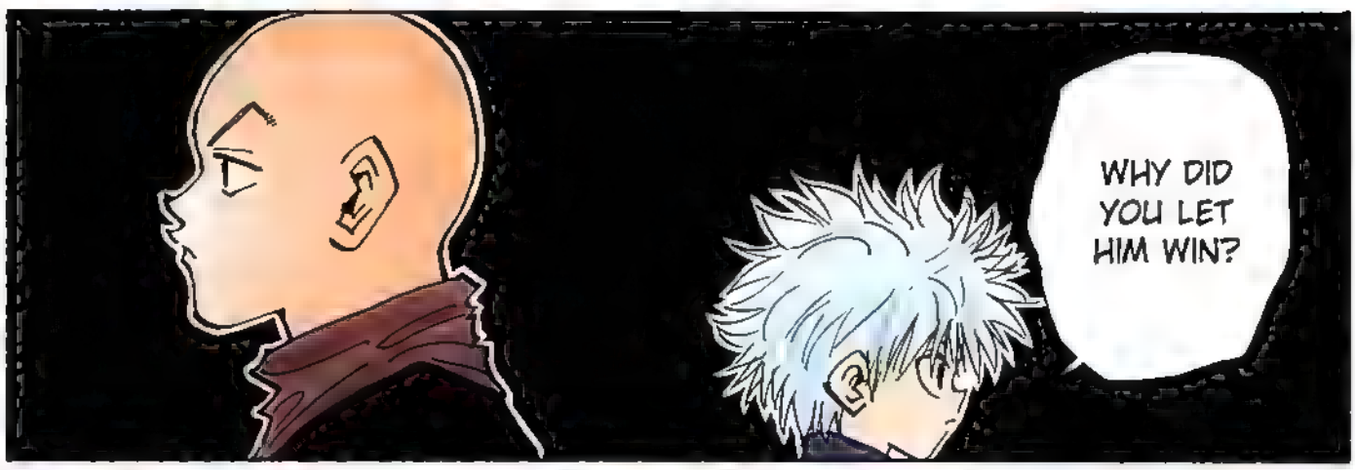
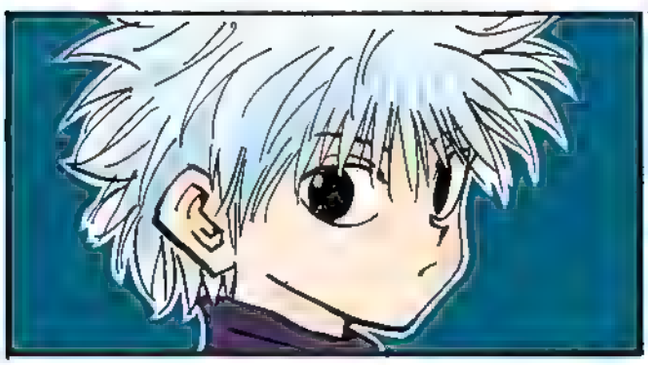
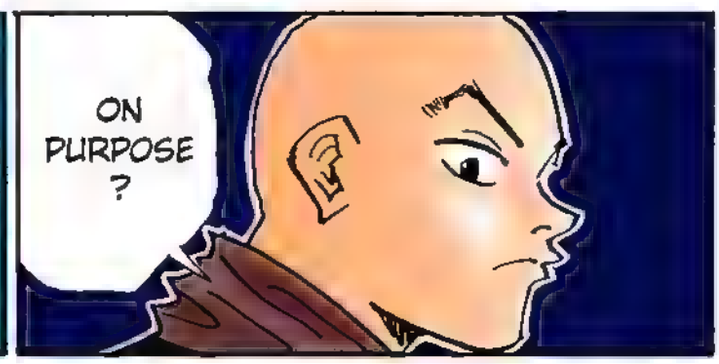

I SEE.


IF GON WERE TO THROW A FIT AND KILL ME...
...WE STILL WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REVOKE HIS LICENSE.


WHY DID YOU LET HIM WIN?




ON PURPOSE ?

...GIVEN YOUR SKILLS.
I'M SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE GON "SURRENDER" WITHOUT KILLING HIM..

...TORTURE SOMEONE, I EXPECT THAT PERSON TO HATE ME FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE.
WHEN I...
IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE AND LESS STRESSFUL.
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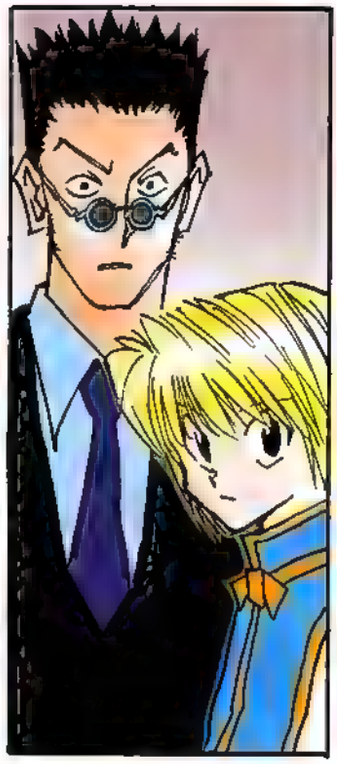
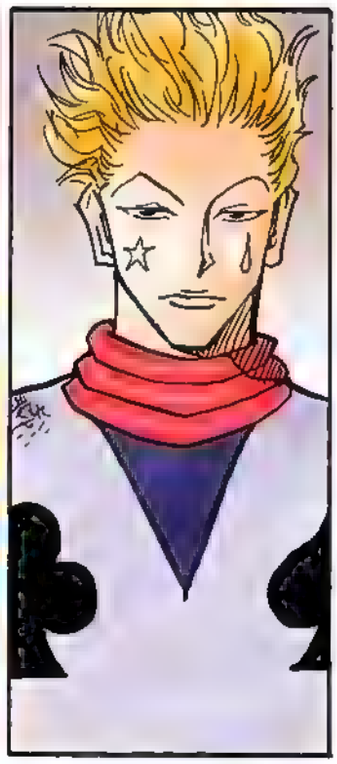
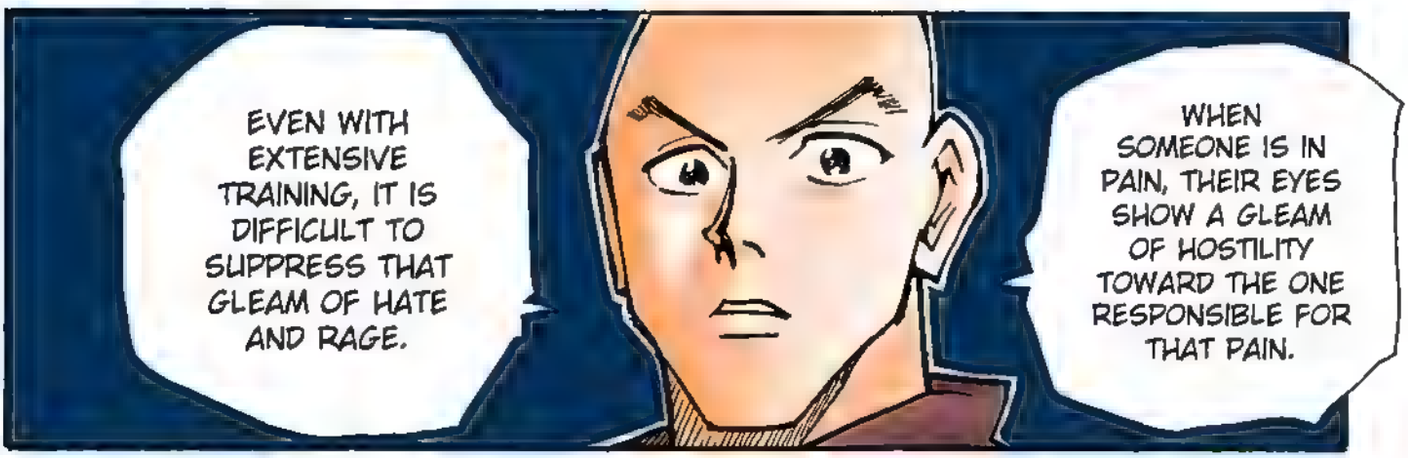
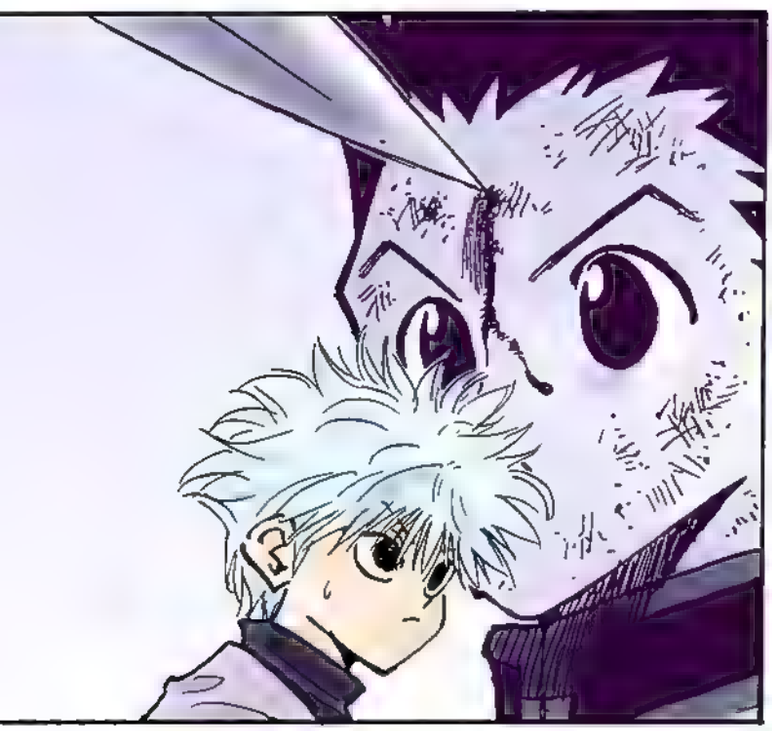
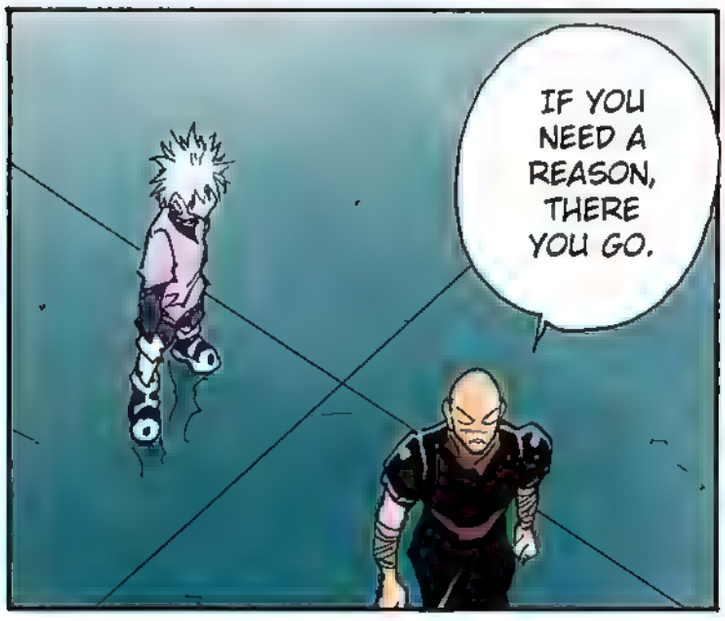


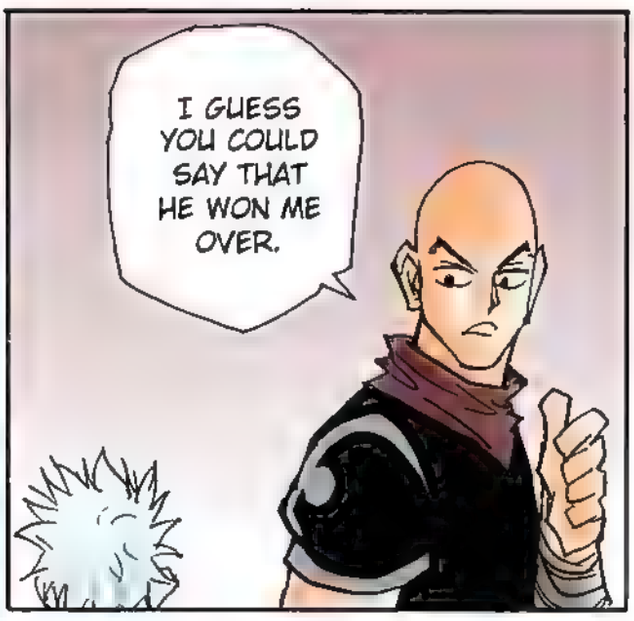



EVEN WITH EXTENSIVE TRAINING, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUPPRESS THAT GLEAM OF HATE AND RAGE.
WHEN SOMEONE IS IN PAIN, THEIR EYES SHOW A GLEAM OF HOSTILITY TOWARD THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT PAIN.

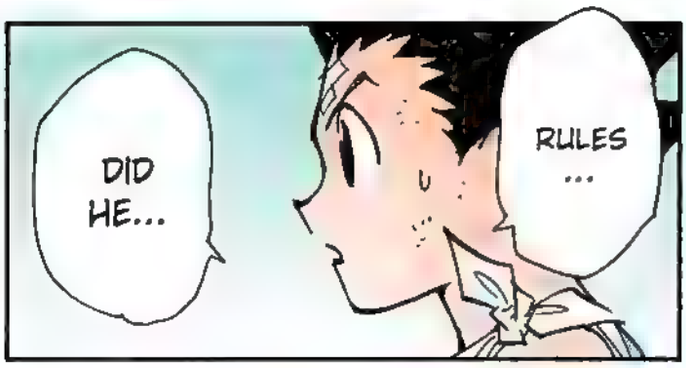


CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? I BROKE HIS ARM.
BUT THERE WAS NO GLEAM IN GON'S EYES.
BUT HIS EYES HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT.

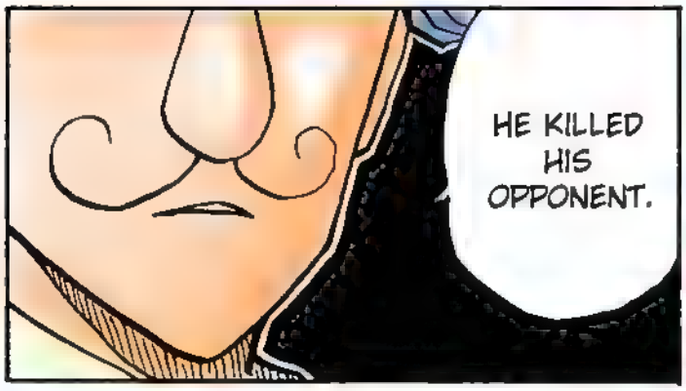


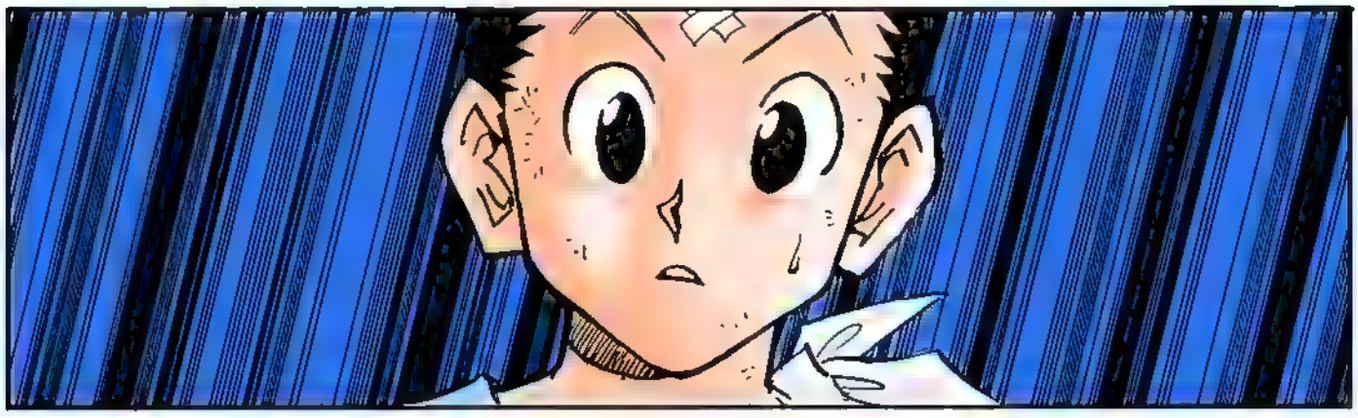


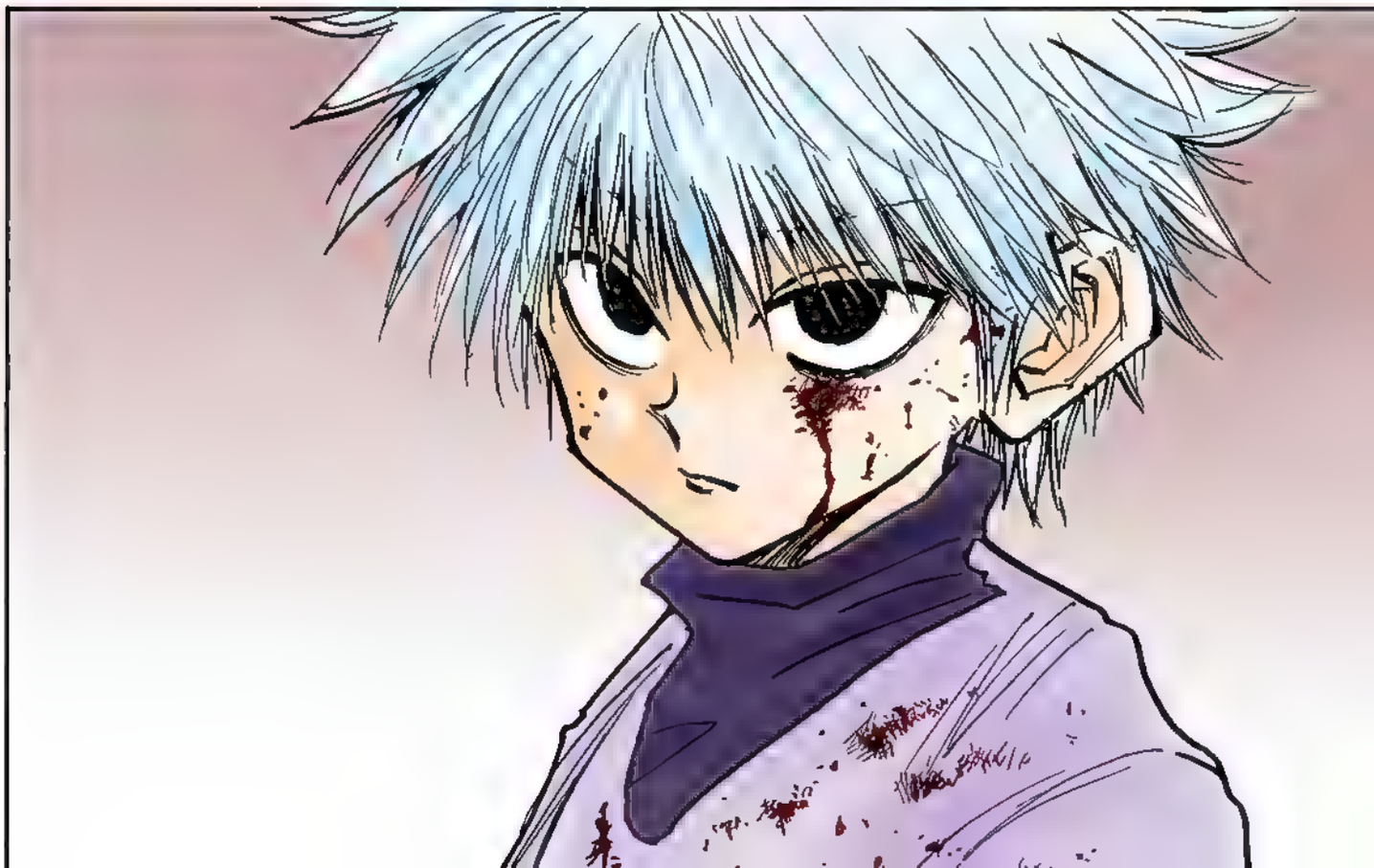
SECOND MATCH! KURAPIKA VS. HISOKA!

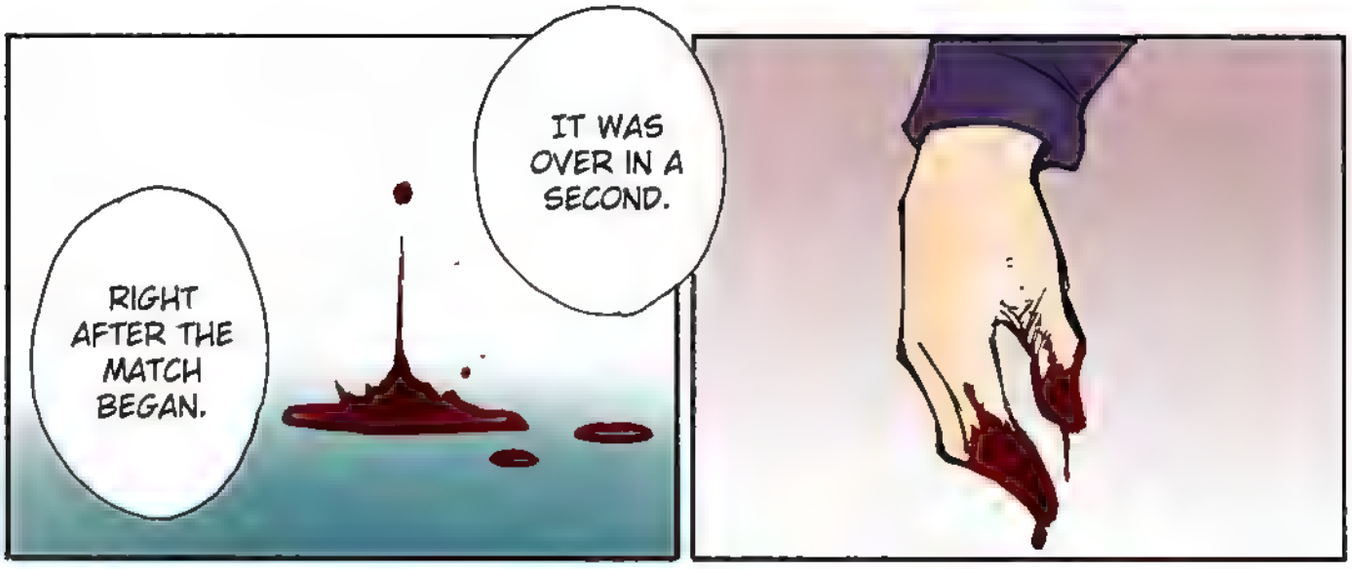

DID HE...
RULES ...

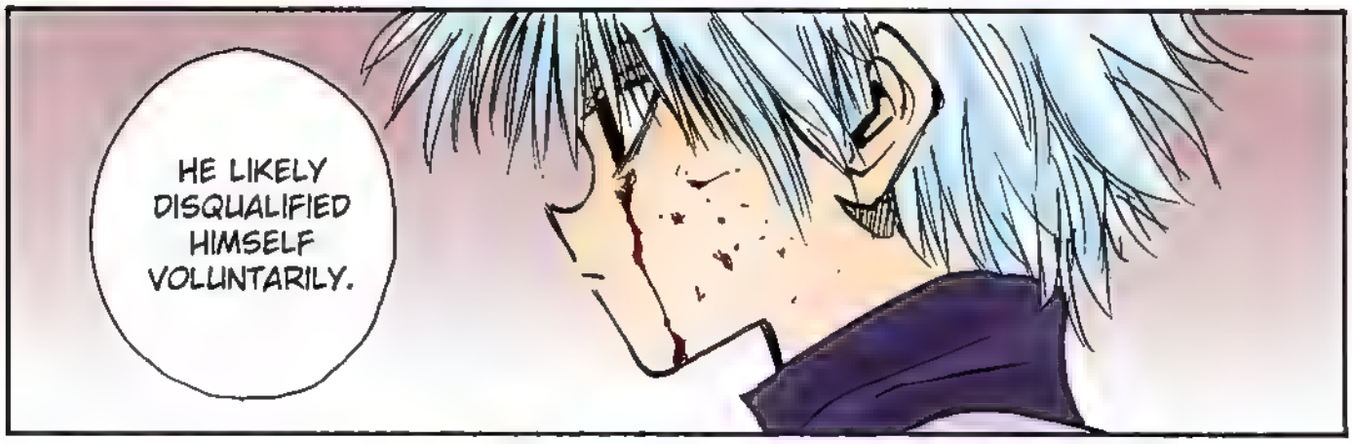
HE BROKE THE RULES AND WAS DISQUALIFIED.
KILLUA... BUT WHY?

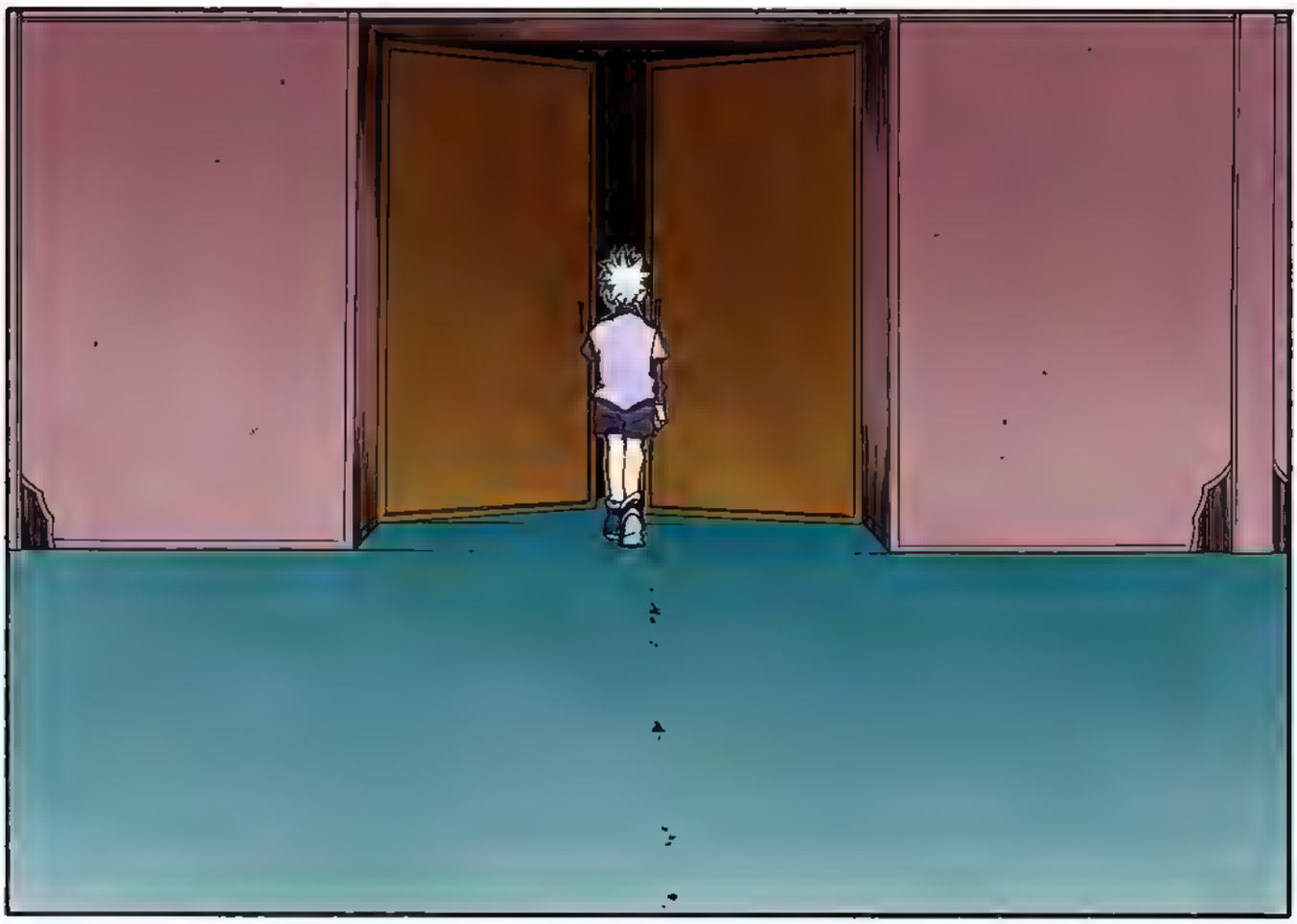

HE KILLED HIS OPPONENT.

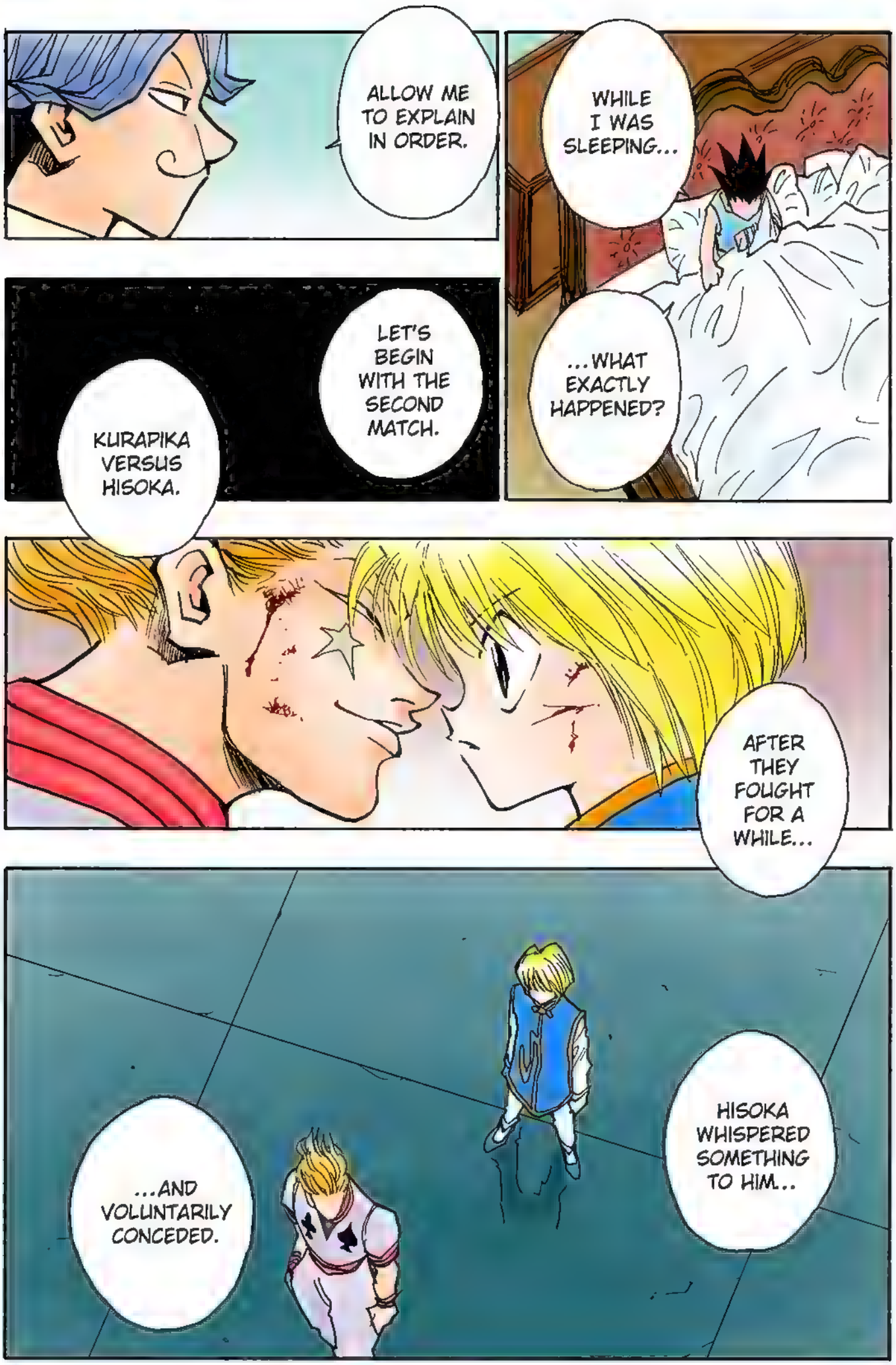


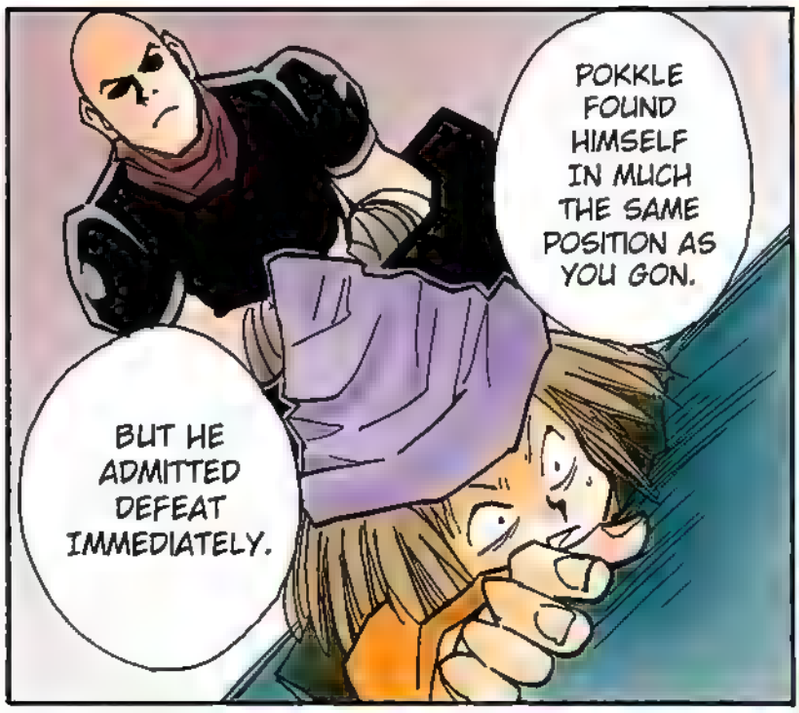



IT WAS OVER IN A SECOND.
RIGHT AFTER THE MATCH BEGAN.

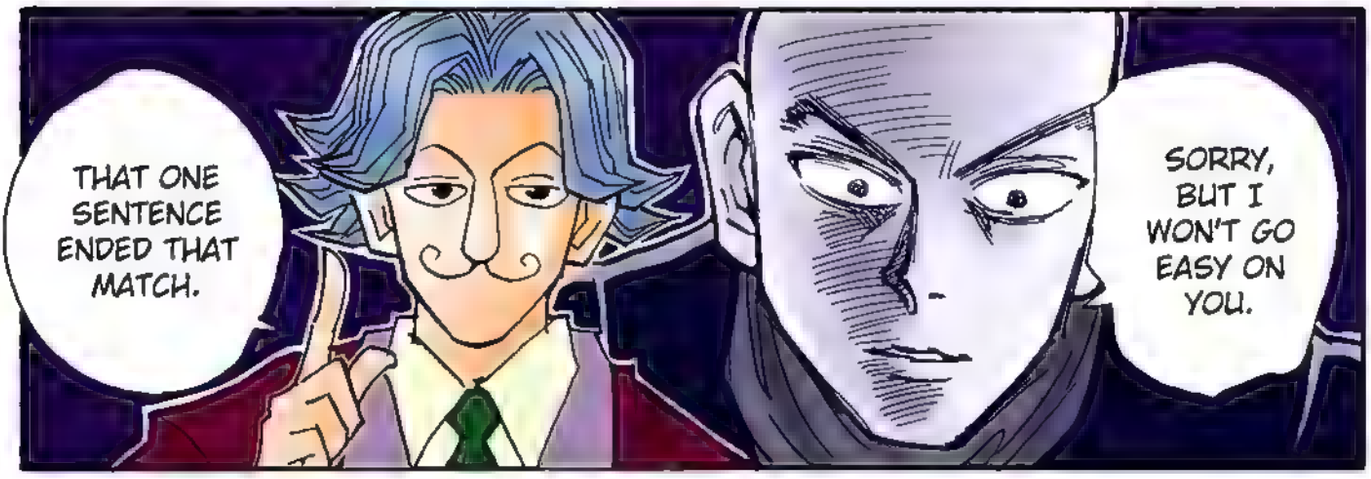

HE LIKELY DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF VOLUNTARILY.



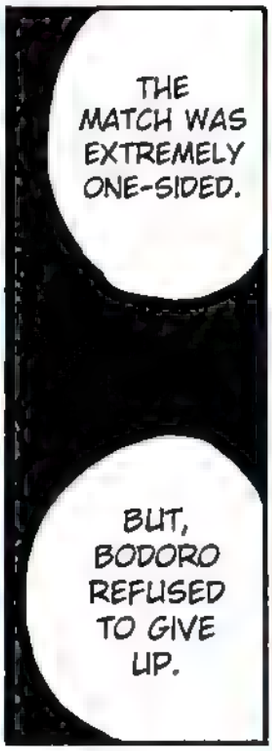

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IN ORDER.
WHILE I WAS SLEEPING...
...WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED?
LET'S BEGIN WITH THE SECOND MATCH.
KURAPIKA VERSUS HISOKA.
AFTER THEY FOUGHT FOR A WHILE...
HISOKA WHISPERED SOMETHING TO HIM...
...AND VOLUNTARILY CONCEDED.

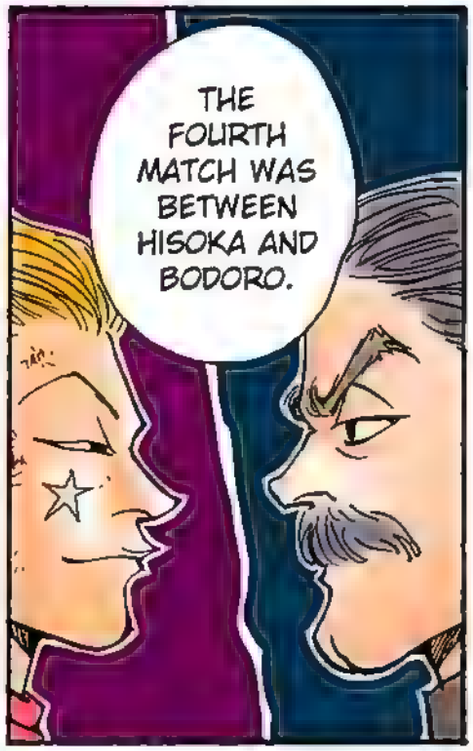

POKKLE FOUND HIMSELF IN MUCH THE SAME POSITION AS YOU GON.
BUT HE ADMITTED DEFEAT IMMEDIATELY.

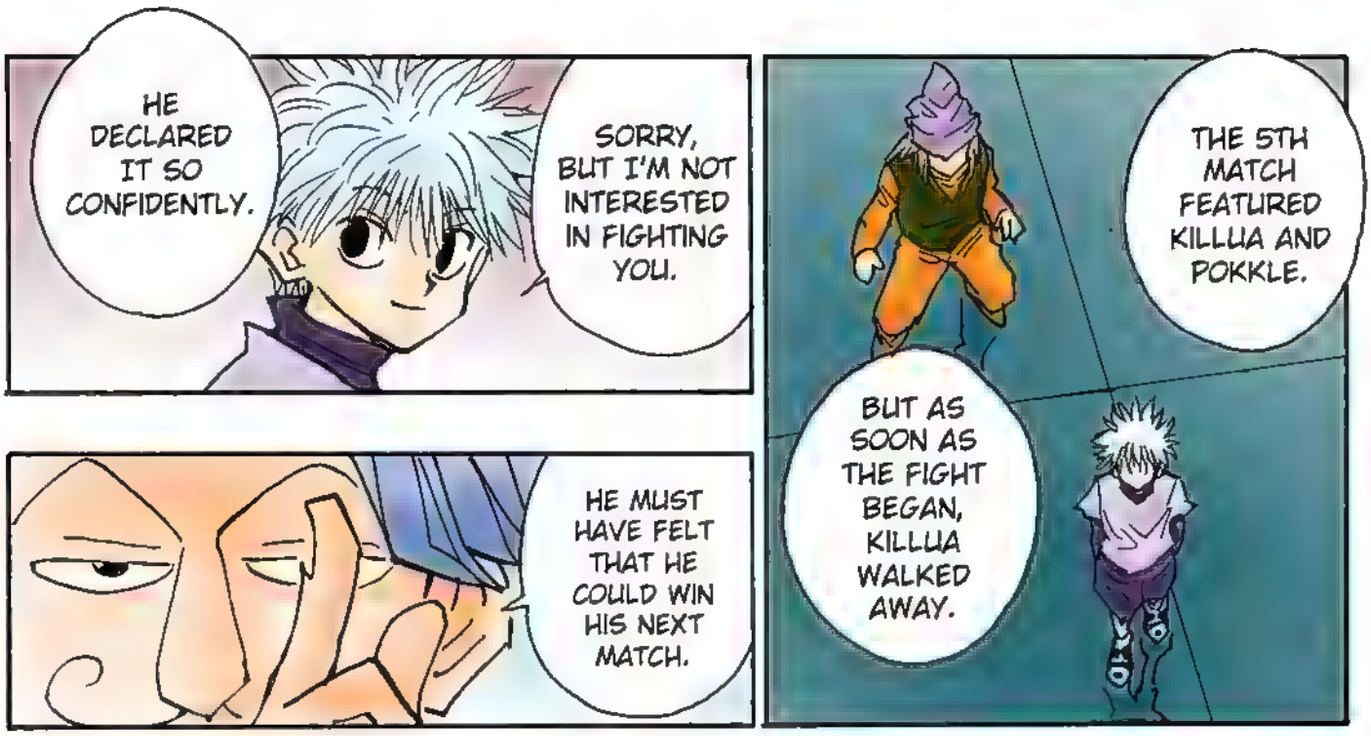
THE THIRD MATCH WAS HANZO AGAINST POKKLE.

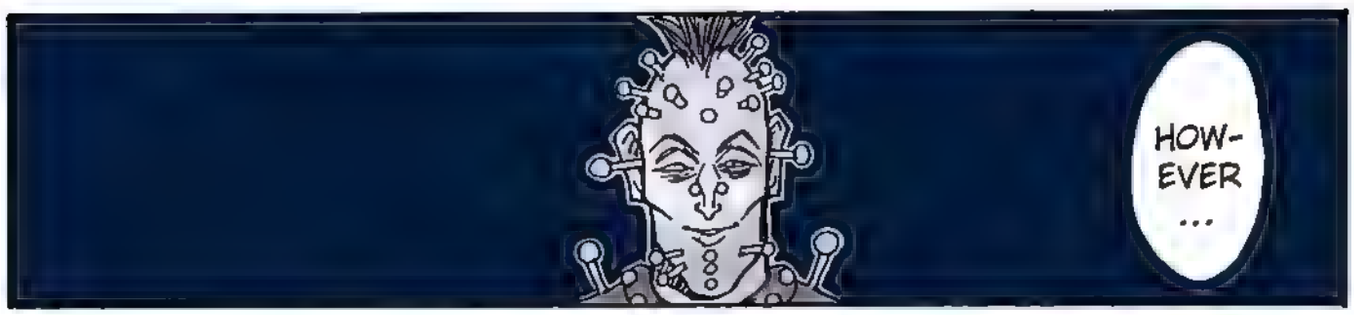

THAT ONE SENTENCE ENDED THAT MATCH.
SORRY, BUT I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU.

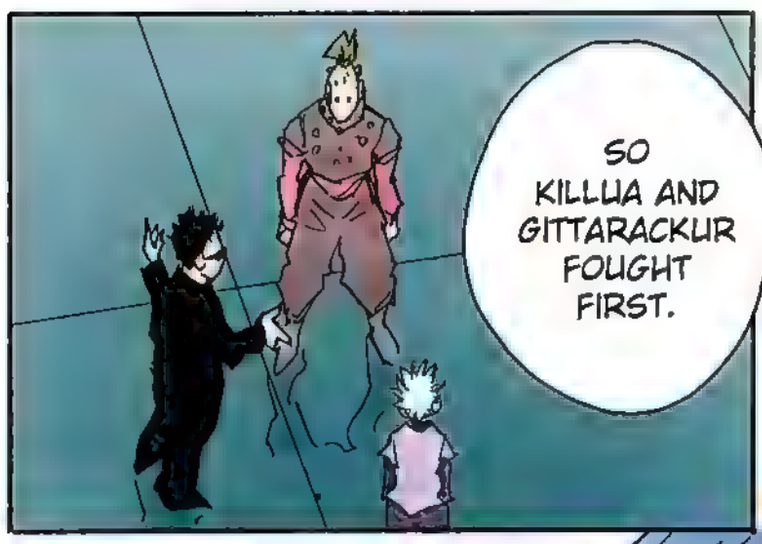
BUT, WHILE BODORO WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR, HISOKA WHISPERED SOMETHING TO HIM.
RIGHT AFTER THAT, HE SURRENDERED.


THE MATCH WAS EXTREMELY ONE-SIDED.
BUT, BODORO REFUSED TO GIVE UP.


THE FOURTH MATCH WAS BETWEEN HISOKA AND BODORO.


HE DECLARED IT SO CONFIDENTLY.
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FIGHTING YOU.
HE MUST HAVE FELT THAT HE COULD WIN HIS NEXT MATCH.
THE 5TH MATCH FEATURED KILLUA AND POKKLE.
BUT AS SOON AS THE FIGHT BEGAN, KILLUA WALKED AWAY.


HOW-EVER ...

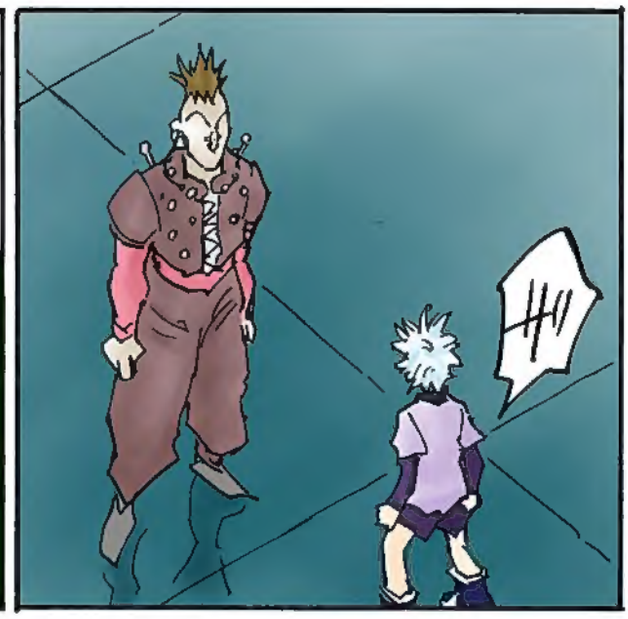

SO KILLUA AND GITTARACKUR FOUGHT FIRST.

...BE POSTPONED WHILE BODORO RECOVERS FROM HIS INJURIES.
LEORIO REQUESTED THAT THE 6TH MATCH...

BEGIN !!
IT WAS THERE WHERE HE MADE HIS MISCALCU-LATION.

!?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KIL.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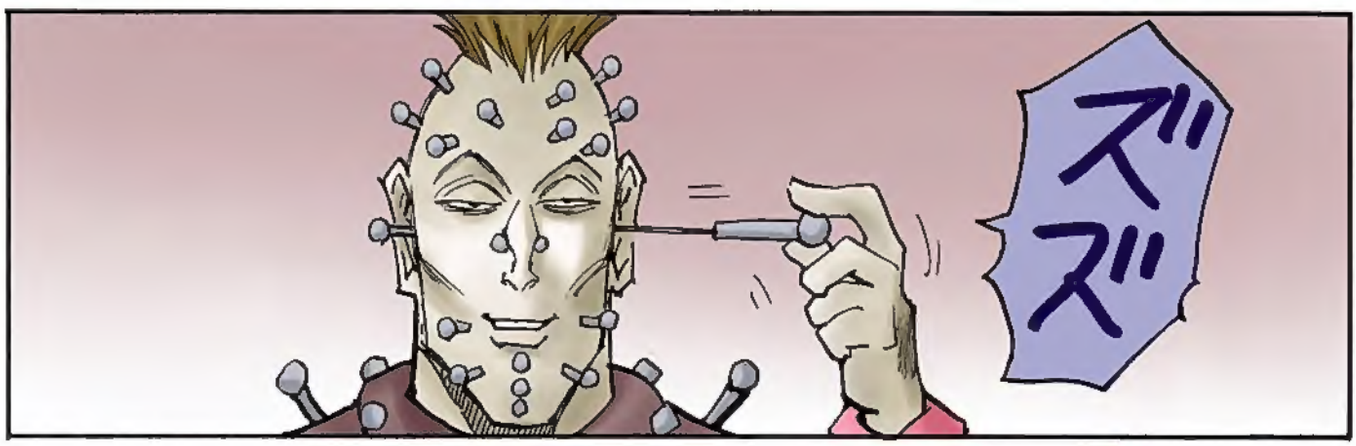
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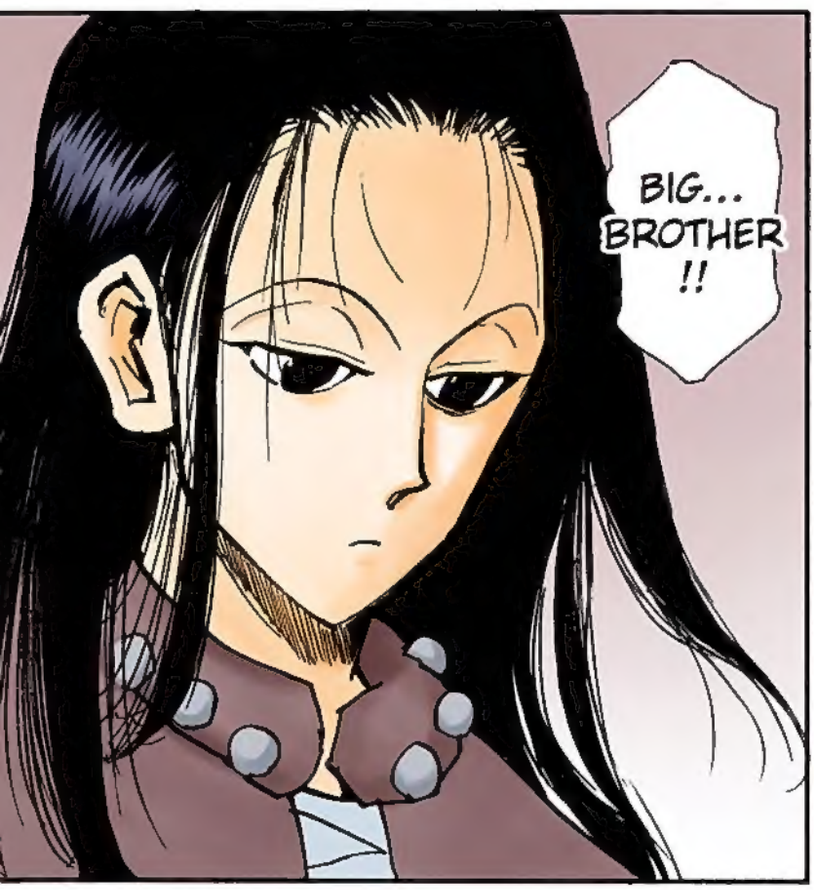
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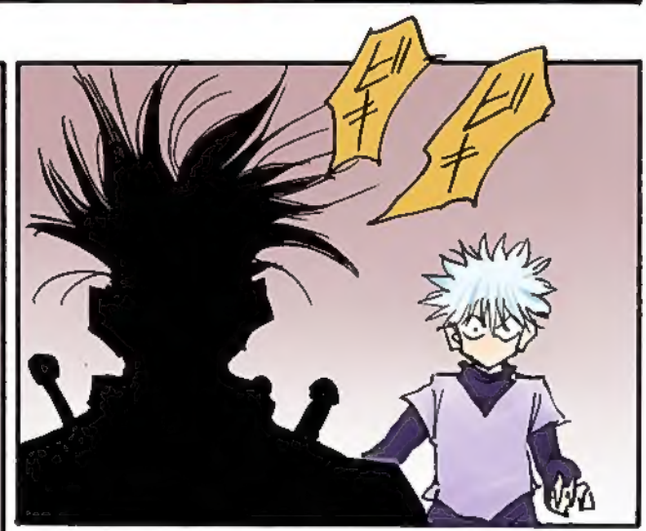
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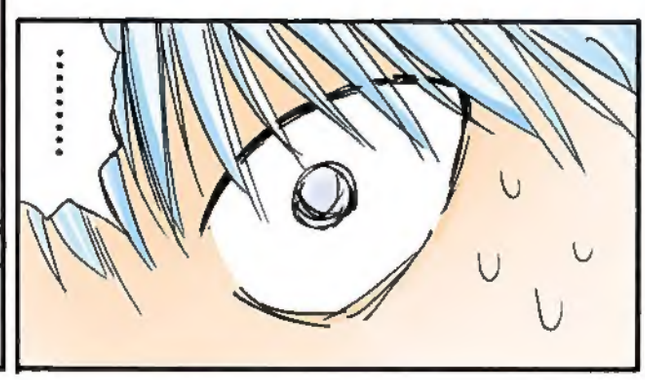
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